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# Israel confirms delay over autonomy talks

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — Israel Sunday confirmed that it would not be sending a delegation to Egypt for resumed talks on Palestinian autonomy in Israeli-occupied territory, following a Cairo request to this effect.

The change of plan was announced by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who heads the Israeli delegation in the negotiations with Egypt and the United States.

But according to a source close to Burg, Israel was particularly "concerned" by new postponement of negotiations, the third President Sadat had obtained in a few months.

Egypt has accused Israel of trying to "impose a fait accompli" by declaring Jerusalem as its capital and said the Palestinian autonomy talks between both countries would be temporarily postponed until Israel changes its position. Cairo press reports said Sunday.

The newspaper *Al-Ahram* said the Egyptian stand was made known to Israel and the United States Saturday when Egypt asked both countries to delay sending their advance parties to the autonomy talks. The three-country meeting was scheduled to begin Sunday in the Egyptian coastal city of Alexandria.

# Muslims condemn Israel

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — Israel's annexation of Jerusalem is an "overt provocation" to the world's 800 million Muslims, according to Habib Chatti, Organization of the Islamic Conference secretary general.

Chatti said Sunday that the Knesset vote "is in open defiance of the international community." The U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in late July to condemn the annexation of Jerusalem.

"There cannot be a just and lasting Middle East peace in accordance with the U.N. Charter so long as Israel occupies Palestinian and Arab territories, including Israel," Chatti said.

The 40 nations comprising the OIC consider the Knesset resolution "null and void." Chatti referred to a resolution passed by the recent Amman Islamic foreign ministers conference which condemned "the official and organized racist and expansionist policies and practices carried out by the Zionist authorities in occupied Palestine."

The Conference described acts such as the absorption of Jerusalem as "a challenge to the will of the Islamic world and a flagrant violation of international law." The Conference also vowed that any states "supporting the Zionist aggression against the Palestinians and Islamic shrines in Palestine is an enemy of Islam and Muslims."

Countries supporting Israel were warned by Chatti against helping Israel "transgress international morals, violate human rights, and desecrate the holy places in a challenging and spiteful manner." He described Israel's course as "Jangennus."

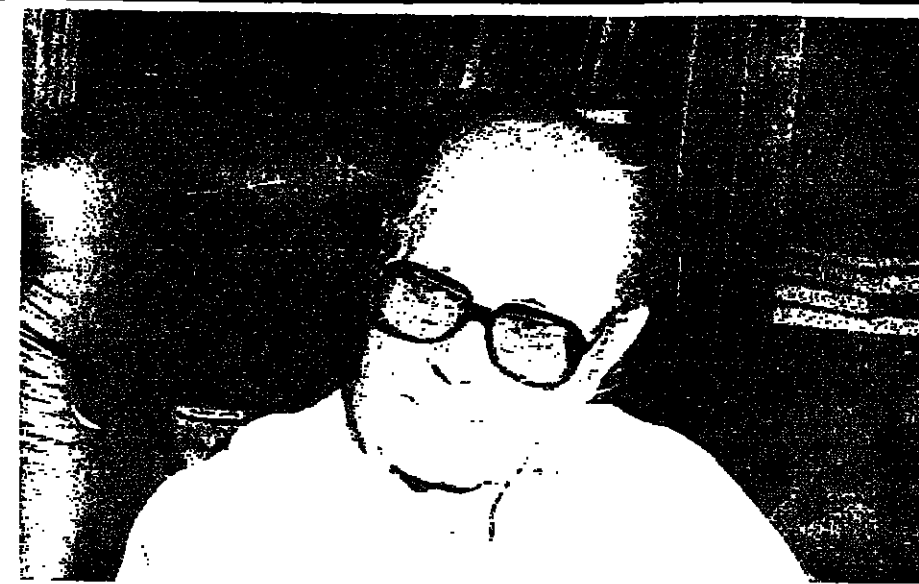
Chatti said the interests of nations abetting Israel "do not lie in standing by the side of those who play havoc with the principles those peoples made sacrifices for... for those who scoff at the will of the international community regardless of any risk to world peace."

But whatever happens, nothing can take away the unalienable rights of the Palestinians in Palestine, which is legally and historically theirs. Israel knows that the struggle will relentlessly go on by all means until Jerusalem is restored to the Arab-Islamic fold as it has been in the past from the hands of alien invaders.

In Beirut wire agencies said Yasser Arafat, chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Sunday called the Israeli decision which makes Jerusalem the capital of Israel "a declaration of war against Arab and Islamic nations."

In a communique published by the Palestinian news agency Wafa, Arafat asked Arab state leaders to hold a summit on Jerusalem's future following the new Israeli move.

"Before this danger, which threatens to annihilate the city of Jerusalem and to allow our historic presence in that city to wither away, I can only appeal to your conscience in the name of Jerusalem and of the Palestinian people laboring under the yoke of occupation."



Habib Chatti

for you to act together to save our holy city," Arafat said.

Arafat said the decision represented a flagrant challenge to the international will and to the successive resolutions of the U.N. Security Council and the General Assembly since 1967.

Addressing the Arab leaders, Arafat said: "Jerusalem calls you to an Arab summit for Jerusalem, and I am confident that the call of Jerusalem for its rescue from the Zionists will find an attentive ear and open hearts in all the Arab capitals. Arafat added.

Pakistan, as Chairman of the Islamic Conference, Saturday asked for an immediate meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider the Israeli decision.

Shamshad Ahmad, the acting Chief of Pakistani delegate, submitted the request after Arab and other Islamic delegates discussed the development privately.

Meanwhile Christian religious leaders in Jordan have rejected the Israeli decision. They urged the Arab heads of state in a statement issued in Amman Saturday to unite and mobilize all Arab potential to "rescue occupied Jerusalem and liberate occupied Arab territories."

They also called on the United Nations Security Council to intervene "and do all that is in its power to rescue the Holy City."

Also Yugoslavia has expressed "serious concern" over the Israeli decision, and called for firmer action by the United Nations against violators of its principles.

# Disaster in store, Jordan warns

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (R) — A tremendous disaster is in store for the Middle East if there is no progress toward establishing a lasting peace, King Hussein of Jordan said in an interview published here Sunday.

He said any solution to the impasse in Middle East peace talks must come within the context of the United Nations and under the U.N. umbrella.

In a copyrighted interview with the magazine *U.S. News and World Report* in Amman, King Hussein said the Carter administration's Middle East strategy had really only dealt with the Egyptian-Israeli aspect of the problem, "which is the least complex of all."

"The Middle East problem is really in Palestine in the occupied West Bank, in Gaza, more importantly in Jerusalem," he said. Asked if he believed another Middle East war was inevitable if present peace efforts collapsed, King Hussein replied: "Tremendous disaster is obviously in store for all concerned in the area if there is no progress toward establishing a real peace and a lasting peace."

King Hussein believed the United States still had a tremendous role to play in the Middle East.

"I suppose there isn't much we can expect before the (U.S.) elections (in November)," he added.

King Hussein, who is planning a visit to Moscow in October, said Jordan would like to diversify its sources of military supplies.

"We have only the barest material means if you compare us with others in the area, certainly with Israel," he said. "We would like to have equipment from as many sources as possible."

# Toll rises to 83 in explosion

ROME, Aug. 3 (AFP) — The toll from the devastating explosion that ripped apart Bologna's train station Saturday continued to climb with latest reports saying that 83 persons were killed and 205 injured.

About 500 rescue workers dug through the rubble all night as thousands of shocked onlookers crowded around the station.

Mystery continued to surround the cause of the blast that horrified the nation. No official explanation had been given, but there were increasing indications that the blast may have been caused by terrorists.

Two anonymous callers to news offices claimed the bombing on behalf of an extreme right-wing group, the Armed Revolutionary Kuchi, and police found what appeared to be traces of plastic explosives.

Investigators found a hole measuring about 1.5 meters by 20 centimeters in the wall between the station's second-class and first-class waiting rooms, one of the areas hardest-hit by the explosion.

Police also found traces on the wall of a material resembling substances used to ignite plastic explosives.

Carlo Tognoli, Bologna's Communist mayor, said there was no doubt that the blast was the work of terrorists. "We cannot find the appropriate words to condemn such a monstrous crime," he said.

Regional government president, Lanfranco Turci, said it seemed increasingly likely that the explosion was caused by a bomb deliberately set. Officials said a boiler, which had been suspected as the cause of the blast, was found intact. Two committees — one judicial and the other a team of transport department experts — were appointed to investigate the affair.

Italians were stunned by news of the blast. "I don't have the words to express my state of mind," Italian President Sandro Pertini said. "I saw two children in the hospital, a boy and a little girl, bloodstained, dying. It was horrible."

The National Communist Party and extreme right-wing Italian Social Movement were among the many political groups to express their shock at the event.

Several thousand people in Bologna demonstrated to show solidarity with the victims, while unions in the region called a four-hour work stoppage for Monday morning to protest the bombing.

The blast occurred two days before the sixth anniversary of the bombing of the "Italcus" Rome-Munich train near Bologna. Twelve persons were killed and 48 were injured. A neofascist group was blamed for that attack. Agence France-Presse records show that the explosion was the fifth most deadly non-war blast in 25 years.

# Bomb hits Arabic newspaper in Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (AP) — A bomb exploded early Sunday in the Jerusalem office of the Arabic newspaper *Al-Fajr*, demolishing the front door but causing no injuries, a police spokesman said. He said several suspects were arrested and police are investigating the incident.

*Al-Fajr* (the dawn), is one of the three major Arabic dailies in East Jerusalem and is distributed mainly in the occupied West Bank. It is considered nationalist and pro-Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israeli authorities have called the newspaper provocative and recently banned its circulation in the West Bank as a warning against publication of anti-Israel material.

# Huge mosque ready this year in Taif

TAIF, Aug. 3 (SPA) — One of the world's largest mosques will be ready for worshippers here this year. The Minister of Pilgrimage and Religious Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasei said the mosque will have a capacity for 180,000 worshippers at any given time. It will have a total area of 121,000 square meters and cost SR70 million to build. This makes it one of the largest mosques ever built anywhere.

He said the mosque will be furnished and provided with a large car park.



# Israelis, rightists shell city of Tyre

BEIRUT, Aug. 3 (AP) Israeli border guards and rightist Lebanese Christian militia positions teamed up to shell the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre and adjacent Palestinian refugee camps Sunday, Lebanon's state radio reported. The refugee camp of Rishidiya near Tyre, 50 miles south of Beirut, was a main target of the bombardment, according to the broadcast.

Three neighboring villages also were under artillery fire in the area, the radio said. The shelling followed the death of two persons in a mine explosion at the village of Diben.

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# Israel granted no oil deal privileges

KUWAIT, Aug. 3 (AP) — Egypt's Oil Minister Ahmed Essedin Hilal was quoted here Sunday as saying arrangements to sell Egyptian oil to Israel involved no privileges to the Zionist state. "No exceptions have been granted to Israel in prices or quantities," Hilal was quoted as saying in an interview published by the Kuwaiti independent newspaper *Al-Siyassah*. "The Egyptian oil sales to Israel have been made in accordance with the rules that apply to any other party," Hilal added.

These rules, he said, include signing one-year contracts for specified quantities of oil, reviewing the oil price every three months, concluding contracts with companies rather than governments, allowing a maximum amount of 750,000 barrels for each client and refraining from selling oil on barter basis.

Hilal said Israel had exhausted the Sinai oil wells during the Israeli occupation of the desert peninsula after the 1967 Middle East War. "But the Egyptian government has now drawn up a program to increase the capacity of these wells," he added.

Hilal said Egypt's oil production has risen from 8.5 million tons in 1973 to 27.4 million tons in 1979. "We have plans to boost production to one million barrels a day, or 50 million tons a year, in the mid-1980s."

Hilal said Egypt has no plans to join the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. He also protested the resolution of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries to "freeze" Egypt's membership because of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. "This resolution is illegal," he said.

He said the Sumed oil pipeline, which connects the Suez Canal with the Mediterranean port of Alexandria, was not on the boycott list of the Arab countries.

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# Delegates urge end to military arms race

TOKYO, Aug. 3 (AFP) — The 1980 world ban-the-bomb conference ended a two-day international meeting here Sunday after adopting a declaration urging an end to the military expansion race.

The eight-point declaration called specifically for total disarmament. It also called for implementing the recommendation at the first United Nations special disarmament conference.

Some 400 participants, including 95 foreign delegates from 25 countries and 11 international organizations, attended the session. Most of the participants were expected to join the conferences for the 35th anniversary of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and Nagasaki on Aug. 9.

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## Japan encouraging joint investments

By Shirley Kowitz  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 3 — Hisashi Shinto, former president of Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries and one of Japan's most influential industrialists, is actively promoting the idea of a Saudi-Japanese investment corporation, according to *World Business Weekly*.

The corporation would exchange Saudi Arabian oil for Japanese technology and management skills and help the Saudis invest surplus oil revenue.

Reports say high-level discussions are under way in both Tokyo and Riyadh, but official Japanese sources continue to deny that a joint venture is being considered. Likewise, the Bank of Japan, reportedly involved in the negotiations, has refused comment, as has the influential Ministry of Trade and Industry (MITI).

Reports suggest that Saudi Arabia's Minister of Finance, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, has already conducted preliminary talks on the Shinto project. MITI's reluctance to talk has been linked to its rivalry with the Ministry of Finance which would take charge of the financial end of the project.

### BRIEFS

TAIF, Aug. 3 — There will be a ten-day holiday for government employees on the occasion of the 10th of Muharram, which follows the month of Ramadan. The holiday will commence on Wednesday, Aug. 6, and end on Saturday, August 16.

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — Nearly 200 motorcycles were impounded by the traffic police because their riders were not wearing crash helmets. Traffic Superintendent Capt. Abdullah Raqqab said there has been an increase in motorcycle accidents recently and helmets were made compulsory.

RIYADH, Aug. 3 — The government has ordered that those wishing to build automatic bakeries be given land plots at nominal prices to help them proceed with their projects at minimal cost.

RIYADH, Aug. 3 — Police patrolmen received nearly SR500,000 in rewards for intercepting contraband goods just outside the capital. Four men received SR132,000 while another group received a sum of SR375,000 for intercepting another cargo.

BURAIDA, Aug. 3 The Superintendent of Police Brigadier Abdul Mohsen Al Harbi said that crime was nearly non-existent in the Qasim region because of the application of the Sharia code of law. Crimes involving immorality were unknown, he said.

Japan, however, is extending its financial base in the Middle East. The Bank of Japan has given permission to 10 Japanese banks to open offices in Bahrain in an effort to recycle about 10 per cent of the \$105-\$120 billion OPEC surplus. And the Bank of Japan has arranged for the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency to purchase Japanese government bonds at the rate of \$230 million a month.

### University ceremony marks summer's end

RIYADH, Aug. 3 (SPA) — The closing ceremony of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's summer center was held here under the auspices of University Rector Dr. Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki.

In a speech on the occasion, Dr. Turki said the purpose of the university is to educate youth in a sound atmosphere free of undue entertainment and corruption. The university shoulders a great responsibility in this respect, he added. The rector also dealt with health education and general culture given to the students. He called on parents to abide by the letter and spirit of Islam while bringing up their children, away from unwarranted imitations.

Dr. Turki and other members of the teaching corps then toured the student exhibition held at the center. This was followed by plays, a sports exhibition including Karate, and the chanting of national songs. At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Turki distributed awards to students who earned honors.



Prince Salman

**DONATIONS:** The Islamic Welfare Society, led by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, has collected SR263 million for its charity projects, in addition to a number of land plots that will be sold to raise money. During the weekend, Prince Salman received a donation of SR5 million from Prince Muhammad bin Fahd for the society and other charities.

### Pakistan president to make pilgrimage

By a staff Writer

RAWALPINDI, Aug. 3 — President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan will visit Saudi Arabia for two days beginning Thursday.

President Zia will perform the minor pilgrimage, umra, and pray at the Prophet's Mosque. Since assuming power he has been visiting the Kingdom at this time every Ramadan to be at the holy mosque in Mecca on the 27th day of the month because of the special significance of this day to Muslims.

## saudi comment

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat

*Al-Jazirah* Sometime ago, *Al-Jazirah* reported that the Ministry of Health intends to build several hospitals in the country very soon. According to the report, contracts were to be awarded for the construction of 200 hospitals spread throughout country, each equipped with 50 to 200 beds and sophisticated medical equipment. The report also had said, quoting the Minister of Health, that contracts will be awarded very soon for the construction of nearly 113 clinics in different parts of the country.

In fact, it is good news that pleases everyone. But the conditions prevailing in the hospitals and clinics today do not con-

vince the citizen of the safety of his health even if he is destined to visit one of these hospitals, let alone his treatment or admission there.

I regret to say that the ministry's hospitals desperately must look for someone who can save them for their worsening situation. They lack medical and technical potentialities, correct treatment and even the sanitation which is the very core of hygienic jobs.

I am not writing this through a hearsay; it is a reality that anyone going to public hospitals observes a reality that everyone comes across at any of the public hospitals in the country. This situation compels me to reassert that building hospitals is not as important as raising the standard of health services in the existing ones.

## Dowry costs to be studied by government

JEDDAH, Aug. 3 — A study is underway to explore the possibility of the government paying the dowry, marriage ceremony expenses and price of furniture for young people getting married.

The experiment already has been applied successfully in Qatar, where the government encourages marriage in order to effect a population increase.

According to an article published Saturday by *Ashraq Al-Awsar*, marriage has become a problem for young, single men and women since they fail to satisfy the parents' greed and cope with the costly traditions connected with the ceremony.

Ten years ago, Saudi men resorted to marrying girls from abroad, but a law was passed to reverse the trend. A wide-ranging information campaign was carried out by religious figures advising people to give up their greed, and such traditions as expensive dowries and expensive and noisy ceremonies lasting until the late hours of morning. Even today, young men fear people's talk if they don't pay an honorable price.

During the Kingdom's present-day development, the government has been able to bring down expensive costs. Through its policy of loaning citizens up to SR350,000 to build their own houses, the government managed to bring down rent costs from SR40,000 and SR50,000 per apartment in Jeddah to SR25,000 and from SR30,000 in Medina to SR15,000. However, prices for a marriage have remained exorbitant.

Among marriage expenses in the Kingdom are the purchase of household electric appliances totaling about SR15,000 to SR30,000; a similar amount for the ceremony itself; one or two cars; the rent of an apartment and other items. Preparations for the marriage alone costs from SR60,000 to SR130,000. Depending on the city, the dowry, gold and silver presents, clothes can cost anywhere from SR5,000 to SR150,000. However, the earnings of a young Saudi university graduate comes to only about SR30,000 to SR40,000 a year.

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# Leftists, rightists kill over 100 Turks

ANKARA, Aug. 3 (AP) — More than 100 people were killed in Turkey last week the worst outbreak of terrorist killings by leftist and rightist bands, Turkish police sources said Sunday. The sources said last week's casualty toll was the highest for one week in the ideological feuding among an estimated 30 terrorist cells many of them leftist groups. Unidentified gunmen sprayed bullets into a coffee-house Saturday, killing three customers and wounding nine others in Cankaya, along the Black Sea coast. In Bursa, about 200 kilometers south of Istanbul, security forces found two more bodies in a suburb, raising to nine the number killed in ambush assassinations within three days. Later Saturday, police reported a prison doctor was gunned down by assailants

believed to be political extremists. In Ankara, Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel met with Turkey's top commanders in a regular monthly review of the law and order situation.

The session was also attended by key cabinet ministers. In a communique, the interior ministry said Sunday a total of 533 people were taken into custody in two weeks on charges of involvement in various forms of extremist activity.

During a news conference Saturday, Demirel said about 10,000 extremists from 35 subversive organizations have been apprehended since his minority government came to power November.

Terrorist killings have claimed about 1,600 lives this year.

## Two Iraqi diplomats charged with murder bid in W. Berlin

BERLIN, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — A West Berlin judge issued an arrest warrant against two Iraqi diplomats who came under suspicion of attempted murder, a crime involving explosives and the illegal possession of firearms, police said Sunday. Khalid J. Jaber, first secretary at the Iraqi embassy in East Berlin, and Iraqi embassy driver Haj Ali Mahmoud were detained Friday after they allegedly handed a third person a suitcase containing one pound of highly explosive material.

Police said the explosives were meant to blow up a meeting by the Federation of

Democratic Kurdish Students in the West Berlin district of wedding, and — had it come about — would have caused at least 35 deaths.

The Iraqi embassy in East Berlin protested the detention of its two members and described it as a violation of diplomatic customs. The embassy said Jaber and Mahmoud were in West Berlin to do some private shopping. It added the two diplomats became the victims of an anti-Iraqi campaign arranged by "Zionists and Imperialists" to discredit the Iraqi revolution.

## Baghdad seeking influence through oil wealth

BAGHDAD, Aug. 3 (AP) — Iraq, land of early civilizations, is using its vast oil wealth in a bid for influence in the modern world. The home of the ancient Sumerian and Assyrian cultures hosted the 1978 Arab summit that cemented opposition to the American-sponsored Camp David peace plan. Its leadership claim was bolstered by the fall of the Shah of Iran.

Suddenly, Iraq's army became the most reliable in the Gulf. Baghdad became the West's second most important oil source with a 3.5 million barrel-a-day output and the frontline against the spread of Ayatollah

Khomeini's Islamic revolution.

President Saddam Hussein loudly objected to America's military build-up in the Gulf, but he almost as vehemently condemned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, declaring opposition to any foreign influence in the area. Hussein, who will host the 1982 nonaligned summit, appears to have more in common with the late Yugoslavian President Josip Broz Tito than with this year's nonaligned leader, Cuban President Fidel Castro, who pressed for special Third World relations with Moscow.

"Non-alignment is a serious effort to consecrate the national independence," said the 42-year-old leader in a news conference last month. "It's an attempt to bar the major power's conclusion in the Third World and dividing it into spheres of influence."

The country that had instilled fear in the hearts of the oil-rich Gulf monarchies by signing a 20-year friendship treaty with Moscow in 1972, long ago stopped its virulent criticism of the conservative regimes of the Gulf.

The turning point in Iraqi foreign policy was the 1978 Baghdad Summit, in the view of diplomats here. Having refused to join the five-member "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front," Baghdad served as the line between the hardliners and the Gulf sheikhdoms.

Today, Iraqi envoys make frequent trips to the capitals of the Gulf and the sheikhs are welcomed with open arms in Baghdad. With the support of the Gulf states, Iraq is expected to push at this November's Arab summit for establishment of a \$10-15 billion pan-Arab development fund to strengthen poorer Arab states.

Iraq is developing special relations with its monarchist neighbor Jordan — a key to the Middle East conflict. Iraqi aid of \$186 million a year is flowing to Amman, and the Iraqis are financing a \$130 million project to upgrade Jordan's port at Aqaba and build a new Aqaba-Baghdad road link.

The Third World also is benefiting from Iraq's new face. Last month, Vietnam and Pakistan received \$6.5 and \$19.5 million soft loans part of a \$200 million program that also has helped three African states.

Overall foreign aid figures are not published, but the pro-Iraqi magazine *Al-Waqt* has quoted the chairman of Iraq's External Development Fund as saying 1979 aid was more than \$500 million.

Once a big trading partner with the Communist bloc, 60 per cent of Iraq's imports now



THORN IN ISRAEL: Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin, right, seen with president of the European Council of Ministers, Gaston Thorn, who visited Israel last week. Thorn was to explore Israel's negative reaction to the European Common Market's latest pronouncement on the Middle East.

## Jailed Palestinian's leg amputated

AMMAN, Aug. 3 (AP) — A Palestinian prisoner recently had to have a leg amputated in an Israeli jail through lack of correct medical treatment, the Jordanian daily *Al Rai* reported Sunday. Naming the prisoner as Suheil Barghuti the daily added that another Palestinian prisoner had been taken to Hulan hospital north of Tel Aviv after a hunger strike had damaged his health. *Al Rai* named the striker as Ishak Maraghi, adding that three other Palestinian hunger strikers in Sarafand prison were believed in a "desperate condition."

Meanwhile in Jerusalem it was reported that a dozen Palestinian women had protested Sunday in front of Red Cross offices in Gaza against conditions endured by relations detained in Israel's Nafha jail in the Negev.

Israeli Radio said that Gaza's Israeli military governor had refrained from intervening, allowing the women to express their protest. Prisoners began a hunger strike in Nafha two weeks ago to protest "inhuman" conditions. After two Palestinians died while being transferred to another prison, the strike spread to Palestinians in other Israeli jails.

come from Western countries. It also is beginning to diversify its arms purchases and seeking nuclear technology from its big oil customers, France, Italy and Brazil.

Diplomats and Arab observers say Baghdad had been able to extend its influence because the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party now has firm control of Iraq's disparate, increasingly urban population of 13 million, spread over 171,600 square miles.

Large-scale fighting between the central government and the Kurdish minority in the northeast ended several years ago and the Kurds now have an elected legislative assembly.

bly, Hussein says the only trouble in the area now is occasional guerrilla infiltration from Turkey and Iran.

The Baath and the Shah engineered a detente that kept the ancient, bitter Iraq-Iran rivalry under wraps until the rise of Khomeini. Iraqi officials say they do not want the dispute to go beyond the current border clashes and propaganda war. Baghdad deals brutally with the hint of insurrection. In March and April of this year, an estimated 30,000 Iraqis of Iranian origin were summarily deported to Iran.

## Iraqi warships to install U.S. gas turbine engines

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (WP) — Despite objections from some members of Congress, the State Department has announced that it had approved the sale of eight U.S.-built gas turbine engines meant to power four Iraqi warships that are being built in Italy. Congressional objections to the sale were based on claims that the original license for the sale by the Commercial Department had been approved last January without prior notification of Congress. Furthermore, critics said the sale violates a law requiring such notification in cases where military equipment is sold to countries that are found to have supported international terrorism.

Reps. Millicent Fenwick, R-N.J., and Jonathan Bingham, D-N.Y., of the House Foreign Affairs Committee wrote to President Carter last February expressing their "deep concern" over the license approval and claiming that it was "an apparent violation of the Export Administration Act of 1979."

The letter pointed out that Iraq, along with Libya, Syria and South Yemen was on the list of countries which support terrorism that accompanied President Carter's letter of

Dec. 29, 1979, to Congress on export controls.

After the congressional protest, the State Department agreed to delay the sale and review the decision.

Thursday, however, it became clear that the matter was now final as far as the Carter administration is concerned.

In a brief written statement in response to reporters' inquiries, the State Department said Thursday:

"The decision to grant an export license, made in January, has been carefully reviewed in light of the concerns expressed in Congress about the sale. We concluded that it would not be in our overall foreign policy interest to revoke this export license. We continue to keep in touch with Congress on this issue."

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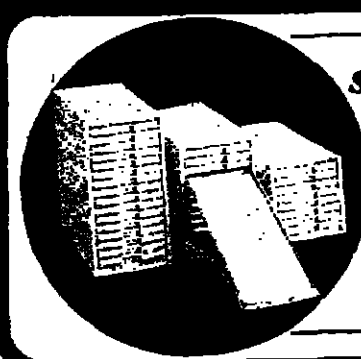
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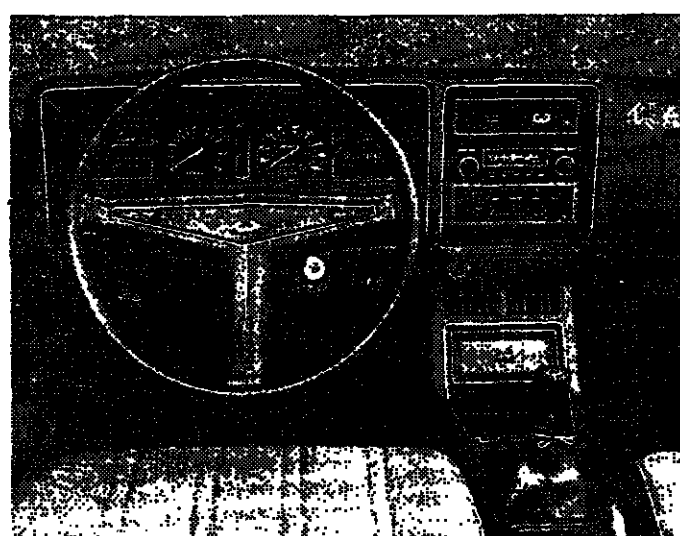
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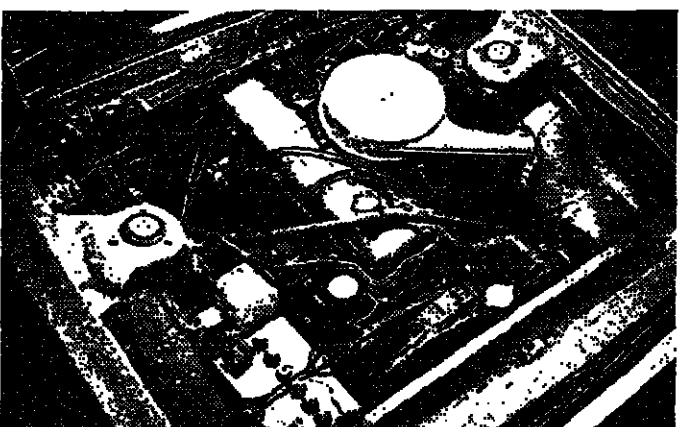
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## Stevenson cruises to third title

## Boxing leaves Cuba 'golden'

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (AP) — Teofilo Stevenson capped a Cuban gold rush at the Olympic boxing tournament Saturday by scoring an unimpressive 4-1 decision over a Soviet opponent to win his third straight heavyweight championship.

Five other Cubans won gold medals while two had to settle for silver. It was a bad day for the Soviets. Shamil Sabirov won the first bout of the day, but the six other Soviet fighters all lost.

Patricio Oliva of Italy, the only West European finalist, won the 63-kilo title by outboxing Serik Kocakbaev of the Soviet Union 4-1. The 21-year-old bank clerk from Naples dropped to his knees when the decision was announced and there were tears in his eyes at the medal ceremony, in which the Olympic flag was raised and the Olympic anthem played.

Oliva said he wished he could have seen his nation's flag raised, but Italy used the Olympic banner because of the boycott.

Stevenson became the first man ever to win three gold medals in the same weight class. The other triple Olympic boxing champion was Laslo Papp, here as the Hungarian coach. He won the middleweight championship in 1948 and the light middleweight in the 1952 and

1956.

Stevenson, winning his 11th straight Olympic fight, failed to land his vaunted right against squat, muscular Pyotr Zaev although the Cuban did get home a good right uppercut in the third round. But mostly the 1.93-meter (6-foot-4) Cuban jabbed his 1.77-meter (5-foot-10) opponent.

Zaev, cheered on by the pro-Soviet crowd, landed three good rights in the second round and outpunched Stevenson in a lopsided exchange in the third round. But the judges didn't see it the way the crowd saw it.

Judges from Nigeria, Mexico and Austria all scored it 59-58 for the Cuban, while the judge from Algeria gave it to Stevenson 60-57. Zaev was favored by the Nicaraguan judge 54-58.

Angel Herrera of Cuba was the only other 1976 Olympic champion to repeat when he won a rough fight over Viktor Damiyenko of the Soviet Union. The bout was stopped 13 seconds into the final round because Damiyenko's right eye, damaged in an earlier fight, was closed.

Sabirov gave the Soviet fans something to cheer about by scoring a 3-2 decision over Hipolito Ramos of Cuba at 48 kg. But the

Cubans won the other four confrontations against the Soviets.

Besides Stevenson and Herrera's victory, Armando Martinez 71 kg., outpointed Aleksandr Koshkin of the Soviet Union; and Jose Gomez, 75 kgs., decked Viktor Savchenko twice with crashing right hands and won a decision.

Besides Ramos, the only Cuban to lose was Adolfo Horta, who started well against East German Rudi Fink but then was outboxed to drop a 4-1 decision in the 57 kgs. class. The other Cuban winners were 17-year-old Juan Hernandez, who easily outpointed Bernardo Pinango of Venezuela at 54 kgs and Andres Aldama, who outslugged John Mugabi of Uganda to win a decision at 67 kgs.

In the other two finals, Peter Lessov of Bulgaria stopped Viktor Miroshnichenko of the Soviet Union on a cut over the right eye in the second round to win the 51 kgs. class, and Sloboda Nikacar of Yugoslavia outslugged Pawel Skrzecz of Poland to gain a decision at 81 kgs.

The Cubans finished with six golds, two silvers and two bronze medals, while the Soviets had to settle for one gold, six silvers and one bronze.



GRUNT: Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson boxes his way into the finals and a gold medal at the Moscow Olympics. Here, Istvan Levai of Hungary gets pasted by the three-time Olympic gold medal winner.

## Expos top Braves 5-1 for fifth straight

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP) — Ellis Valentine collected three hits, including a two-run first-inning homer, and Fred Norman scattered six hits as the Montreal Expos defeated the Atlanta Braves 5-1 Saturday night for their fifth consecutive victory.

Norman, making only his second start of the season, did not allow a runner beyond second base Bill Nahorodny and Jerry Royster cracked consecutive doubles for the Braves' run in the eighth.

Valentine's 10th home run of the season followed a first-inning triple by Rodney Scott against Doyle Alexander. Ron Leflore homered in the fourth as the Expos took a

half-game lead in the National League East over the Pittsburgh Pirates, whose scheduled game against San Diego was rained out.

Alex Trevino doubled home the winning run in the eighth inning and scored on a single by Frank Taveras, giving the New York Mets a 5-3 victory over the slumping Houston Astros.

The Astros, who have dropped four in a row, fell into second place in the National League West, one-half game behind Los Angeles. The Dodgers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 on home runs on Ron Cey and Davey Lopes.

The Cincinnati Reds, third in the NL West,

picked up ground on the leaders when Mike Lacoss pitched a seven-hitter and outdueling Steve Carlton while Ray Knight and Dan Driessen collected run-scoring singles in a 2-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Run-scoring singles by Rennie Stennett and Terry Whitfield and a two-run double by Rookie Joe Pettini sparked a four-run seventh-inning rally that lifted the San Francisco Giants over the Chicago Cubs 8-5. Jack Clark hit a two-run homer for the Giants in the first.

In the American League, Eric Soderholm lined a two-run single and scored the go-ahead run on a double by Rick Cerrone in a four-run New York Yankees victory over the error-prone Milwaukee Brewers 5-3.

By winning, the Yankees remained 7½ games of Baltimore in the AL East. Rich Dauer drove in two runs and Scott McGregor pitched a seven-hitter as the Orioles defeated the Minnesota Twins 9-2.

Rookie Bruce Robbins blanked Seattle over the first seven innings, his longest outing in the majors, as the Detroit Tigers handed the Mariners their eighth consecutive setback 9-3.

Another Rookie, Boston's Bob Ojeda, won his first major league game, combining with Bob Stanley for an eight-hit 1-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Bob Clark's two-run single in the eighth inning gave the California Angels a 5-4 victory over Toronto. The Kansas City Royals led the Chicago White Sox 7-1 after six innings in a rain-delayed contest while the Oakland-Cleveland game was rained out.

## Baseball Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	65	36	.637	—	Los Angeles	57	46	.553	—
Baltimore	57	44	.562	8½	Houston	56	46	.549	1½
Detroit	55	44	.557	9½	Cincinnati	54	50	.519	3½
Milwaukee	54	48	.529	11	San Francisco	51	52	.495	6
Cleveland	49	48	.505	13½	Atlanta	46	56	.451	10½
Boston	51	50	.505	13½	San Diego	45	57	.441	11½
Toronto	44	57	.440	20					
West					Saturday's Games				
Kansas City	64	39	.621	—	San Francisco 8, Chicago 5				
Oakland	52	52	.500	12½	New York 5, Houston 3				
Texas	50	52	.494	13½	San Diego at Pittsburgh, postponed, rain				
Minnesota	47	56	.467	17	Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 0				
Chicago	45	57	.441	19½	San Diego at Pittsburgh, postponed, rain				
Seattle	39	71	.379	25	Montreal 5, Atlanta 1				
California	38	73	.379	25	Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2				

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# Moscow Olympics

## Home town boys, girls victorious

By Fred Rotherberg

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (AP) — The first Olympic Games behind the Iron Curtain and the only one without an American team had a predictable two-week run. The home team won everything in sight.

The Soviet athletes erected a monument of medals that is not likely ever to be toppled in

at the whim of politicians — some of whom will try to exploit it for noble causes, others for something less.

The boycott kept 36 nations at home, including the United States, West Germany, Norway, Pakistan and Kenya. The Americans, who were second in total medals at Montreal, were missed the most.

Depending on your perspective, the missing athletes were either the games' biggest winners in the moral sense, or the biggest losers in the sense of unfulfilled sweat and sacrifice.

Some 6,000 athletes did show up, however. From that field, there is an ample selection to determine the winners and losers at the 1980 summer Olympics.

The biggest winner was Aleksandr Dityatin, who set an Olympic mark by winning eight medals in gymnastics, including gold medals in the individual all-around, the team title and one apparatus.

Even with this brilliance, Dityatin — who scored man's first perfect 10 in Olympic history — suffered the fate reserved for all gymnasts of his sex. No one falls in love with a male gymnast. Just because they have pitiful or have a cute smile, the Nadia Comaneci of the world get the most attention.

Nadia got plenty of that — some good, some bad — as she managed to win two gold medals in individual apparatus after battling singlehandedly against a swarm of Soviet gymnasts who matched her move for move.

She lost the all-around crown she won at Montreal to Yelena Davydova of the Soviet Union and was eclipsed in some areas by other Soviet gymnasts and 12-year-old Maxi Gnauck of East Germany, then latest pre-adolescent gymnastic sensation.

Comaneci got involved in a messy ruckus about judging, which was not of her making. A Romanian judge refused to post a Comaneci score she felt unjustifiably low, then another time the computer did not accept a Comaneci mark. When the computer finally did get the result, it turned out that Comaneci had not lost to Nelli Kim of the Soviet Union but tied her for a gold medal.

The track and field competition was one of the most spectacular in years. Scrappy Miruts Yifter, the Ponce de Leon of these games at 35, 37 or may be 40, kept outrunning Father Time and all of his competition to win the 5,000- and 10,000-meter gold medals.

Age was not as kind to Lasse Viren of Finland. Charges of blood doping followed him when he won the 5,000 and 10,000 at Munich and then again at Montreal. Here, Viren only had tired blood. He lost to Yifter in the 10,000 and ducked him in the 5,000, entered the marathon and dropped out before the finish.

The same marathoner who led the pack at Montreal topped this field. Waldemar Cierpinski of East Germany ran through Moscow in 2:11:03 and never once was asked for his identification by the Soviets' ubiquitous security forces.

Then there were world records in the high jump by an East German (Gerd Wegg — 7-8 3/4) and glittering performances by Britons Daley Thompson in the decathlon and Allan Wells, gold medalist in the 100 and silver medalist in the 200.

Wells was beaten in the 200 by Italy's Pietro Mennea, the world record holder, who symbolized the dilemma faced by some Western athletes: To boycott or not.

"The responsibility of being the heavy favorite after the American boycott, and the bitterness for having to compete in a crippled event have just cracked my nerves," Mennea said.

The most celebrated competition between Britons Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett ended



**STREAK:** From this angle, it appears have been given the gold medal for the 100 meter dash at the Moscow Olympics. But he only got the silver, losing to Britain's Allan Wells, foreground, who streaked to a 10.25-second time.

in a draw. Each won the event the other was supposed to win. Coe took the 1,500 after getting into a "silly mess" in the 800. Ovett, after taking the 800 with a strong kick, did not have his usual big finish in the 1,500.

Yugoslavia dominated men's basketball in the absence of the Americans, while the favored Soviets were beaten twice and were jeered by their fans for winning a bronze medal.

The Soviet crowds were a continuing story here, loudly whistling against many Soviet opponents, including athletes from other communist countries.

The Soviet fans, perhaps spoiled by the awesome power to its athletes refused to pay proper respect to a former treasure who had the bad taste to grow old. Weightlifter Vasily Alexeev, the world's strongest man at Montreal, missed three times trying to lift 180 kilograms (396 pounds). The crowd did not applaud the effort of its former hero; instead it sat in total silence. The 38-year-old Alexeev then announced his retirement.

World records were set in swimming and East German women won 11 of 13 events. Rica Reinsich was the best of the flying frauleins with three gold medals and world-record performances in each of them.

Vladimir Salnikov of the Soviet Union was the star of the men's events, winning three gold medals and setting the lone world record



Alexander Dityatin



(AP photo)

**SAYS IT ALL:** Italy's Pietro Mennea said it all for Olympic winners, despite the watered-down games owing to the American-led boycott. Here, Minnea sprints to the 200 meter dash gold medal.

A single Olympics, provided both major sports powers show up in the future and serve as athletic deterrents to the other side. With only Sunday's equestrian event remaining, the Soviets had 80 gold medals, obliterating their previous mark of 50 at Munich in 1972, and 195 totals, wiping out their record of 125 set at Montreal four years ago.

A boycott by some Western, African and Middle East nations did not stop this competition from being mostly first rate, with 35 world records being set — just one fewer than the number of world marks established at Montreal. The boycott, however, did serve as a reminder that the Olympic movement exists



Falk Hoffman

## Connor 11-under after 3

### Unknown takes Philly lead

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3 (AP) — Austria-born Frank Connor, hardly a household word on the pro golf tour, took a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$250,000 Philadelphia Golf Classic Saturday with an 11 under par 202.

Connor, a native of Vienna actually started his athletic career as a tennis pro but turned to golf because he felt there was more money to be won.

This tournament might be described as the yo-yo contest, with all the ups and downs. On Saturday, the lead changed faster than officials could post the scores. The biggest surprise was Howard Twitty, who for the past 3 1/2 weeks was the hottest player in golf. He won last week at Hartford, had played in the 60s 13 of 14 rounds, was 57 under par for his previous 158 holes, and hadn't lost a stroke to par in 36 holes.

But Twitty, who led the first two rounds, fell apart in Saturday's third round posting seven bogeys. He almost made good on a prophecy made in jest when asked to explain his hot streak.

"Hey, this is a humbling game and tomorrow (Saturday) I might shoot an 80," said the

one-time Arizona State player. He carded a 41-36-77 Saturday, to virtually drop out of contention.

Connor, 34, a self-styled golf hustler in the mold of his friend and tutor, Lee Trevino, has put together rounds of 70-66-66-202, good for a one-stroke lead over defending champion Lou Graham, and Tom Kite and John Cook.

Graham, at 65-69-69, Kite, 67-71-65, and Cook, the only rookie in contention, 67-70-76, are all at 203. Another stroke back are Ben Crenshaw, who has been second seven times in the last 12 months, David Graham, the transplanted Australian, and Jack Renner, a one-time tour winner. Crenshaw has a 64-71-69 and Renner 65-68-71, each at 204.

Connor, whose best since qualifying for the tour in 1974 was a second at New Orleans last year, prepped for the tour in Asian events and mini tournaments in this country. Connor admitted that he loved playing golf, even practice rounds, as long as there was a dollar at stake, and he came on Saturday with four straight birdies starting at the sixth hole.

## Americans top Olympic pool marks

IRVINE, California, Aug. 3 (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Mary T. Meagher won the 100-meter butterfly Saturday night for her second United States swimming championships victory.

Meagher won in 59.41 seconds, well below the time that won the gold medal for East Germany's Caren Metchuk at the Moscow Olympics, but it was not the youngster's best time.

She holds the world record at 59.26. Second was Tracy Caulkins in 1:00.75, her first runner-up finish after three previous victories in this Heritage Park aquatic outdoor 50-meter pool.

William Paulus pulled a surprise in the men's 100 butterfly with a victory in 54.34, also a better time than the gold medalist at the Olympics, which the United States boycotted because of Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Man Gribble placed second in 54.51, which also bettered the Olympic winning time of Sweden's Par Arvidsson, who attends

the University of California.

Veteran Mike Bruner, 24, wound up his competitive career with a victory in the men's 1,500. He was timed in 15:19.80 after leading most of the way.

## Post ties Young for LPGA lead

WHEELING, W. V., Aug. 3 (AP) — Sandra Post sank a two-meter eagle putt on the par-5 18th hole to tie opening round leader Donna Caponi Young for the second round lead Saturday in the \$100,000 West Virginia LPGA Classic.

Post and Young, playing together in a windy and rain-delayed round, both will take six-under-par scores of 138 into Sunday's final round. Young, who fired a first round 68 on the par-72, 5,578-meter Speidel Golf Course, followed that up with a two-under 70, while Post shot a three-under-par 69 Saturday.

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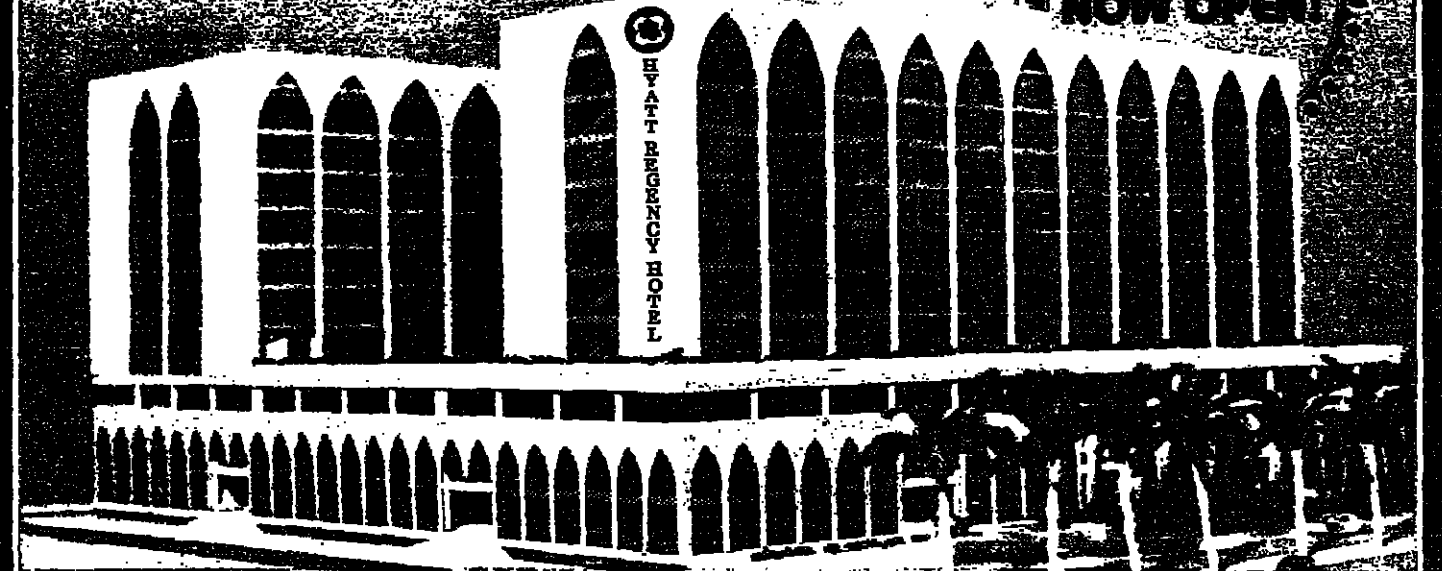
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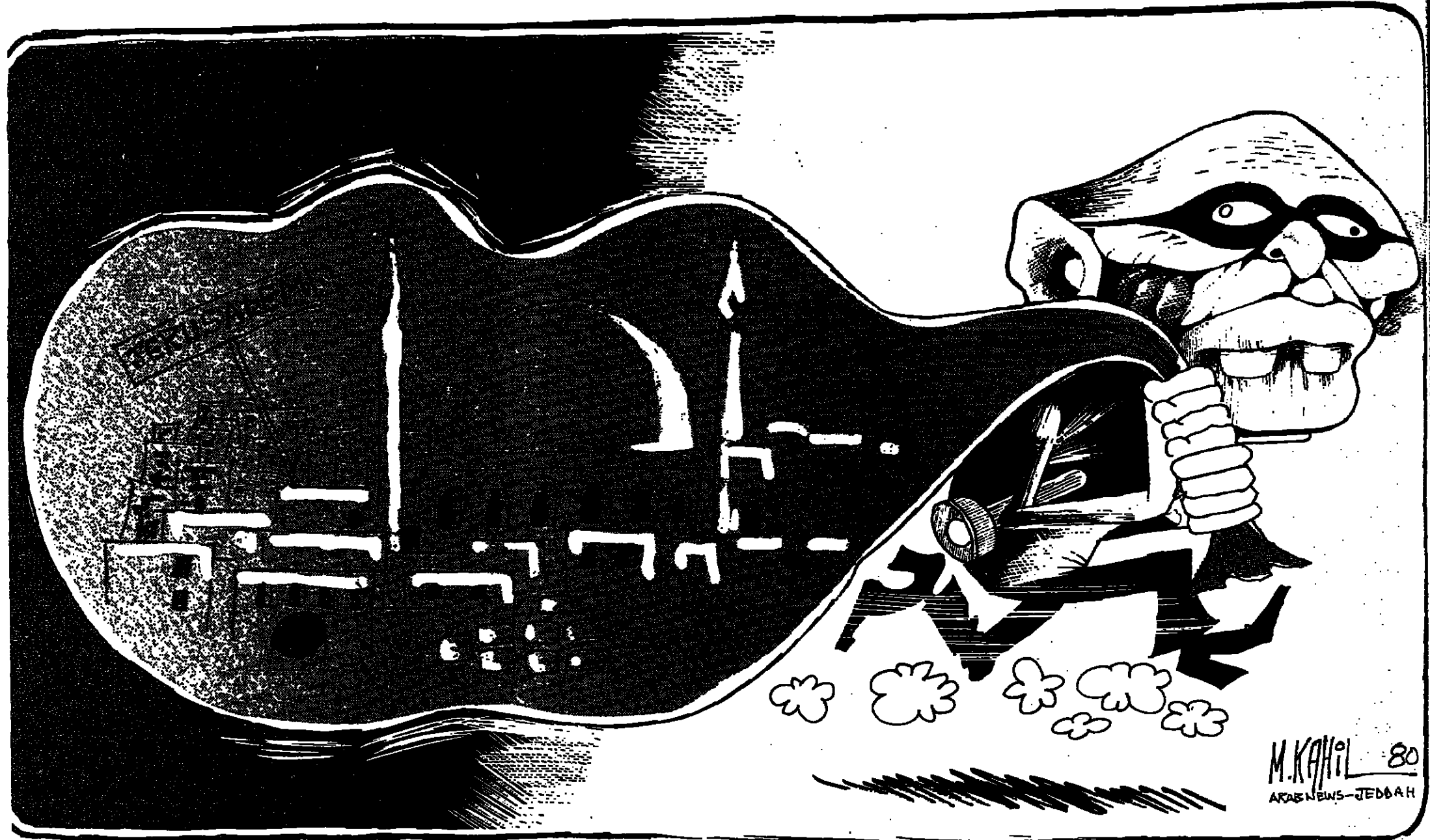
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## Olympics ended; Russians are still in Afghanistan

By Serge Schmemmann

MOSCOW —

The games of the XXII Olympiad, the first held in a Communist country, ended Sunday with the Soviet team reaping a golden harvest that will always be somewhat tarnished by the boycott that weakened the games.

As a major international sports competition, the summer games were not ruined by the boycott. Thirty-five records were set, two more than at Montreal in 1976. Teams came from 81 countries and the Russians put on a good, if somewhat overbearing, show.

But a constant refrain among Muscovites throughout the games was, "what a shame the Americans are not here." One tourist guide, bidding good-bye to a group of Americans who came to the games, said, "I am sad that your compatriots did not come. But they say time heals all wounds and I hope I will see you again."

The Soviet team smashed the records for most gold medals and most total medals won at the Olympics. Through Saturday, with only one equestrian event left, the Soviets had won 195 medals, including 80 golds. The old records were the 125 medals they won at Montreal in 1976 and the 50 golds the Soviet team won at Munich in 1972.

Those impressive numbers should carry a small asterisk to footnote a series of major problems: the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, calls for a boycott from Islamic foreign ministers and U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and the absence of teams from 30 nations.

After all the high-level international dealing with one side trying to put together a boycott and the other trying to salvage the games, the Olympics were reasonably free of controversy.

Perhaps the thorniest political question was whether the American flag would be raised at Sunday's closing ceremonies. The International Olympic Committee, along with the local organizing committee, has taken responsibility for the conduct of the games. The IOC is a stickler for its own protocols, and an IOC rule calls for three flags to fly at the closing ceremony — the flag of Greece, birthplace of the ancient games, the flag of the host country and the flag of the country to host the next games.

The 1984 games are going to be in Los Angeles and Carter made it clear it did not want an American flag raised at these games. But the IOC backed down only after the Soviets said they did not want anything down that would increase East-West tensions over its military presence in Afghanistan. The flag of the city of Los Angeles was to be flown on Sunday instead.

During the opening and medal ceremonies, athletes from 16 countries used the Olympic flag instead of their national banners as a form of protest. Carter held a ceremony in Washington for the members of the American team and told them that

by not participating they had done more than anyone else "to hold high the banner of liberty and peace."

America's athletes did not always see it that way. Mary T. Meagher, one of the top U.S. swimmers, said recently of the boycott, "Sure, I was disappointed at first. But I thought I was over it. Then the games began and now it is hitting me hard. I feel worse now than I did during the winter."

The political wrangling surrounding the Olympics did not always involve East vs. West. Reports persisted through the first week of the Olympics that some of the 17 Afghan athletes here wanted to defect to a Western Embassy. Headlines in Romanian state-controlled newspapers charged that Soviet judges "stole" the woman's all-around gymnastics title from Nadia Comaneci, who tied for a silver behind winner Yelena Davydova of the Soviet Union.

This week international track and field officials assumed their normal roles as on-field supervisors after charges that the Soviet judges were favoring their compatriots. A full assessment of the boycott of the Olympics goes beyond what happened or did not happen in the stadiums and on the playing fields of Moscow. The Soviets had hoped that their games would be remembered as the most impressive ever staged, that the world would be profoundly impressed with the achievements of the first Socialist state.

Many visitors, athletes and journalists — especially those from Third World countries — will no doubt return home with positive memories of a glittering capital, modern facilities and smoothly organized games.

The boycott, however, seriously cut into the number of foreigners who came to the games. Overall estimates of the number of visitors vary widely. The number of tourists from the United States was cut from a pre-boycott total of 18,500 who planned to go to about 3,000 who actually came. One estimate had it that the boycott cost the Soviets about \$200 million in badly needed foreign currency.

The boycott also reduced the coverage the games were given around the world. The triumph of socialism the Soviets had hoped for was not seen in the United States and television coverage paled in other boycotting nations.

The Soviets were not always happy with the coverage they did receive. More than once Soviet spokesmen lambasted what they regarded as "non-sports" reporting by Western correspondents about the heavyhanded security, shortages of goods, political incidents and other unfavorable aspects.

Whatever the boycott accomplished, it clearly did not deter the Soviets from their military venture in Afghanistan. Most reports indicate that the Russians are settling in for a long, determined campaign to break the anti-government resistance there. — (AP)

## Reagan's commercials

By Anthony Holden

DETROIT —

The political obituaries written for America's "Grand Old Party" in 1976 were distinctly premature. That's the message being beamed out to the American people from the 1980 Republican national convention in Detroit.

All three U.S. television networks have cleared their evening schedules this week to carry saturation coverage of the Republican gathering in America's depressed "Motor" city. And the party is putting on a remarkable display of unity behind its conservative candidate for the presidency, 69-year-old Ronald Reagan.

Four years ago, when incumbent President Gerald Ford lost the White House to an obscure peanut farmer from Georgia, the Republican Party was in disarray. Richard Nixon and Watergate had damaged its public reputation, and the traditional split between the party's moderate and conservative wings had widened. Many feared the 120-year-old political grouping, the party of Abraham Lincoln, would disintegrate.

Last time round, Ronald Reagan was partly responsible for the disharmony. So persistent was his challenge to President Ford for the nomination that he polarized the party. Ford won by a hair's breadth, but lost the election to Jimmy Carter — by an equally narrow margin. Reagan has often been blamed for that defeat.

Now the former Hollywood actor and California governor has rallied the GOP back together — thanks largely to Jimmy Carter. The Democratic Administration's troubled four years in office — Carter's popularity in the polls is the lowest in U.S. history, lower even than Nixon at the height of Watergate — have united America's "loyal opposition" as rarely before.

For Reagan, it is the end of a 12-year hunt for the nomination, after only 16 years in active politics. He joined the Republican Party in 1962, having been brought up a "new deal" Democrat. Four years later he was Governor of California, and in 1968 he challenged Richard Nixon for the Republican presidential nomination.

Given the intense scrutiny of all major-party presidential candidates, Reagan's past may come back to haunt him. The networks are gleefully replaying clips from one of his more absurd movies, "Bedtime for Boonzo," in which he plays a college professor with a pet chimpanzee.

All those years as a gun-toting cowboy are giving American magazines a field day; there are countless

photographs of Reagan in his stetson, Colt 45 at the ready, to adorn captions about the "trigger-happy" President he would make.

On more serious subjects, his performance as Governor of California does not always square with the positions he is taking in the 1980 presidential campaign. At that time, for instance, he was in favor of the equal rights amendment, and signed into law the most liberal abortion legislation in the country.

Now he favors a "right to life" amendment — a change in the U.S. Constitution outlawing abortion. And he had incurred the wrath of many women in the party hierarchy by opposing a constitutional amendment on equal rights. The only subjects of open dispute at the Detroit convention, they are likely to be overshadowed by economics and foreign policy as the autumn campaign for the presidency develops.

So the Republicans' main intent is to provide the nation's TV viewers with an impressive display of unity, at a time when Senator Edward Kennedy's persistent challenge to President Carter is gravely dividing the Democratic Party. To add a little fizz to the otherwise dour procession of speeches, the convention is also a showbiz extravaganza.

After Gerald Ford's birthday speech to the convention on its opening night, America's TV audience watched such luminaries as Ginger Rogers, Jimmy Stewart and the Osmond family singing and dancing the Republican party's praises. Due on stage next day were Henry Kissinger and Frank Sinatra.

The entire convention will by the end of the week have become merely a media event, not least because it has no decisions left to make. Once Reagan has announced his choice of running-mate for party ratification, delegates will go home buoyed up for the battle ahead.

Detroit is playing host to six times as many newspaper and broadcasting journalists as Republican delegates. Utility companies say that the electronic facilities laid on for the four-day event would supply a new city of 25,000 inhabitants. Not a hotel room is to be had within a 50-mile radius of the city — including those across the border in Canada.

Conservative Republicans believe their hour has come, and that Reagan's acceptance speech at the end of the convention will signal for their country a new beginning — the slogan adopted for the party after a "fresh start" was discovered to be the slogan of a new soap powder. But Reagan is proving as commercial a product as any soap powder — and present indications are that, come November, market forces may find him irresistible. — (OFNS)

## FREEING THE HOSTAGES

Some of the closest friends of the Iranian revolution had always held that the detention of the hostages was wrong in principle, no matter what those who organized the action and mobilized around it thought. Today, nine months later, the arguments of those supporting the act seem weaker than ever. More important their numbers, especially inside Iran, have noticeably declined. Now only a minority — but a very effective one of that, since it has the hearing of Ayatollah Khomeini — retains the former enthusiasm for the detention.

The occupation of the American Embassy in Tehran and the capture of the hostages was accomplished at a time when Iran was still in the first flush of its revolutionary fervor. And, aside from the legal and moral aspect of the action, it did have definite political implications. Here was a way — and none more dramatic — of telling the United States that it can no longer interfere in Iran's affairs as in former times. Here was a way of mobilizing the masses around the leadership; and of telling the world at large that Iran was ready for all comers.

But that situation has now changed, and the hostages have become a liability. The most dangerous effect of the affair has been its contribution towards the paralyzing of the Bani-Sadr administration. The presidency found itself encumbered with a crisis with whose origin it had nothing to do and whose resolution it could not effect. It has prevented it from addressing the pressing economic problems besetting the country thus making it appear weak in the face of its critics. The Bani Sadr administration, in which many saw hope of a rational consistent approach to Iran's multiplying problems could still fall — thanks in no small measure to the crisis of the hostages.

The crisis has also made Iran the object of economic sanctions from the United States and the West generally. Its assets in the United States have been frozen, and the rest of the European countries might decide to tighten their sanctions if the crisis was seen to be dragging indefinitely. Iran, through its preoccupation with the hostages and the tensions this has caused internationally, has also been unable to give the Islamic rebels in Afghanistan the necessary support.

But to realize this is not to demand that the Iranian leadership should suddenly turn around and release the hostages unconditionally. That would be unrealistic, given the stage the problem has reached. The Iranian leadership has to show its people that the protracted action did yield some results. And that, the death of the former Shah removed the chief condition on the release of the hostages which was his return to the country to face trial. The lesser condition of returning his wealth still stands. And moving in this direction, as well as a release of the country's frozen assets ought to suffice.

The honor of the Iranian leadership would be even more secure if it used the occasion of the approaching "Id al-Fitr" — a time when a magnanimous gesture would be most opportune — to either effect the release or, at least to set a new list of viable conditions together with a firm timetable for it.

An early, peaceable termination of the crisis would have positive effect beyond Iran's borders. Among its first beneficiaries would be President Carter, as he moves to his electoral battle in November — and the Arab world, and the Palestinians in particular. Now that he is the candidate nearest to understanding their point of view, despite all the reservations they have about his policies. We feel that termination to come through the good offices of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the moral and political boost this would give would be great — especially within the United States where it is at the moment needed, in the face of the growing threat to all the hopes of the Palestinians from the increasingly reckless policies of the Begin administration.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Most Sunday newspapers highlighted the international condemnation of Israel's decision to make undivided Jerusalem its capital. They described Israel's behavior as an "open challenge" to the world and the United Nations.

In its lead story, (The Market off) *Okaz* reported that the Security Council will be convened for an emergency meeting to discuss the annexation. *Al Medina* (The City) led with a similar call for an emergency session by the U.N.'s Muslim members.

A decision by the government to daily supply Bahrain with 100 thousand barrels of oil made the frontpage of *Okaz*. A call by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat for an urgent Arab summit to discuss Jerusalem ran on *Al-Medina*'s front page. Newspapers gave page one coverage to the reported murder of a Soviet general reputed to be an advisor to the Afghan Interior Ministry.

Editorials discussed the de jure annexation of

Jerusalem. They said it was illegal. The urged Arab and Islamic governments to challenge Israel's action.

"Israeli Premier Begin gambles with the world and then shamelessly covers his ears from the ensuing uproar even though he knows the uproar will not hurt him," wrote *Al-Jadrah* (The Island). The paper added that: "Muslim states should use all their weight against the Israeli decision. A firm attitude by the Arab and Islamic blocs will determine the positions of other nations, particularly those with embassies in Israel."

*Al-Riyadh* (The Garden) stressed Arab solidarity. "A savior of peace in the region and a prime factor in arousing the world's conscience," Israel would never have annexed Jerusalem without knowing that "it is difficult for the Arabs to unite and that all its actions would be endorsed by Washington."

"Under the present circumstances, achieving a

political settlement appears unlikely, and the Arabs must make an earnest attempt to prevent internecine rifts from emerging," *Al-Riyadh* was pessimistic about the call for a Security Council session. "The Council will not produce any positive result because of the Council veto which is frequently used in support of Israel."

*Okaz* described the Security Council call as "a channel the Arab and Islamic bloc can use to stop Israeli aggressive designs and to isolate it from the world." It noted that this time the Council has not been called upon to issue resolutions but to take action to save the region from "tragedy." The time has come to stop Israeli aggression, the paper added.

The status of Jerusalem is non-negotiable, said *Al-Medina*. "Saudi Arabia has thrown its weight behind the Palestinians because it is the axis of the Arab world and the protector of the holy cities of

Mecca and Medina," it said. The Royal Court's statement on the Israeli decision was endorsed by *Al-Medina* which added that it "reflected the wishes of the Palestinians and all Arabs."

*Al-Bilad* (The Country) pondered the reasons behind the annexation of Jerusalem. It said: "The enemy adopted the measure after the Arab-Islamic bloc won the U.N. General Assembly vote and after it realized that world opinion favored Arab rights."

Similarly, *Al-Yom* (The Day) noted that despite world condemnation Israel remains steadfastly opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state or withdrawal from the Golan Heights and Jerusalem. It noted that only a small minority in the Knesset opposed the annexation bill.

World condemnation of Israel was praised in *Al-Nadwa* (The Forum). It said a "firm and effective" resolution must be drawn up by the upcoming Islamic summit conference in Mecca.



Girl: "And Cinderella married the prince..."  
Boy: "Yeah, but how big was her dowry?"

Al-Riyadh



## From Jeddah to Juneau

## Shopping tips for an around-the-world journey

By Raana Siddiqi

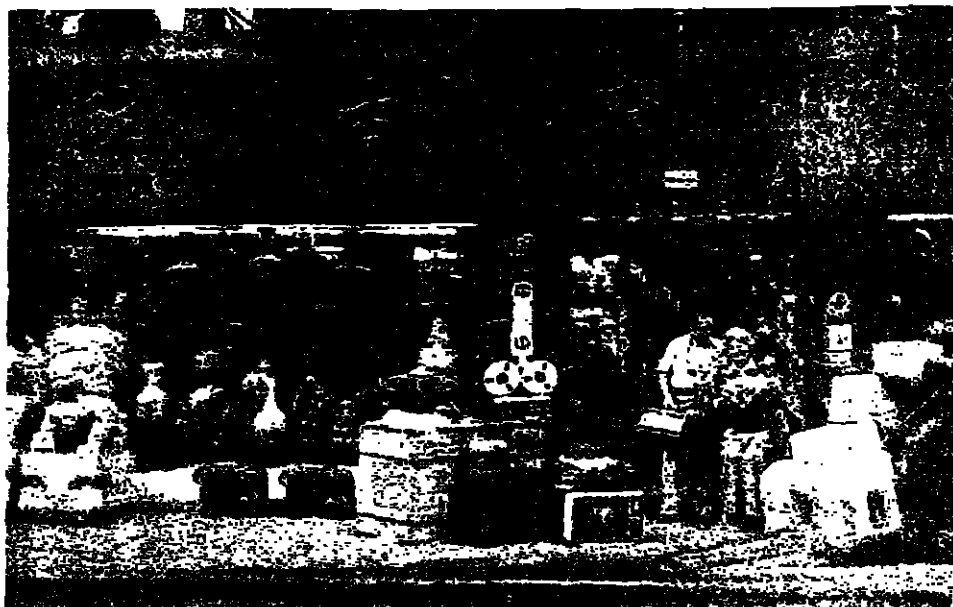
JEDDAH: With a cobweb of airline connections from Juneau to Java and points beyond, the shopping plazas of the globe have become accessible to millions each year.

From cameras to small souvenirs, to silk, fur or diamonds, connoisseurs have a choice of items that is vast and varied. Short of compiling a "what from where" directory, it is impossible to list all the bargain spots of the world to part with one's money. It is possible, however, to list some of the more popular haunts and shoppers' paradises.

With the dollar in disarray and cheap fares galore, the United States and Canada are attracting a large number of shoppers from Europe and the Middle East this year. The dollar's weakness against most European and other currencies of the world makes North America a very attractive place to shop. Besides, the prices of American goods, especially clothing and household goods, are lower in comparison to most other countries.

New York's Orchard Street is a favorite for bargains in reptile and leather bags along with lingerie and other items. Most department stores have a range of items to choose from both in the United States and Canada. There are often "on the spot" sales in various stores. Cosmetics of all kinds, including brand names, bed linen, towels and children's clothing are definitely a winner.

Women who love to browse around can have a big shopping plaza, stopping for a hamburger or hunting for Canadian blue pottery and Indian jewelry, which are great favorites. For those looking for pricey items, there are boutiques, jewelry stores and what-nots catering to the high society from Tiffany's to



HONG KONG: Always a temptation for shoppers, Hong Kong is as famous for its hand made men's suits as for bargains in electronic equipment, cameras and watches.

Bloomingdale's.

Europe offers a great variety of shopping from Faubourg in Paris to the covered bazaar in Istanbul. London is another favorite. In the mid-70s it became common to hear Arabic, Italian, German and French spoken on Oxford and Regent Streets. For the past couple of years though, people have complained about prices having gone up and the quality down in the once-favorite department stores of England.

The inflation rate and the stronger pound sterling are perhaps to be blamed for the high prices in London once considered cheap by the tourists. However, Shelland wool and cashmere items are still comparatively cheap. The antiques buff's may also enjoy the new supermarket style antique shopping which is a new thing in London.

Shopping in Italy can be a pleasure. Venetian glass, alabaster and marble, elegant handbags and shoes, silk and lace, old maps and prints are favorite buys from Rome, Venice and Florence. Anyone looking for gold and silver jewelry of exquisite craftsmanship would find Venice's Ponte Vecchio a delight.

Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport sells everything from cars to cigars. Best buys are the famous Delft ware, pewter, cigars, old maps and reproductions of the old masters. Some find quality diamonds and other gems with guarantee slips — a good buy in Amsterdam.

The Scandinavian countries are world famous for glassware, jewelry, furnishing fabrics, carved wood and pewter. For those in a particularly spendthrift mood, beautiful furs are a good buy. Danish porcelain and silverware is of exceptionally high quality and design.

Switzerland is justly famous for its watches and clocks and wood carvings. Beautiful table linen, embroidered blouses and handkerchiefs, and Swiss cotton and volie by the yard are reasonably priced when balanced against the exquisite workmanship and texture.

Spain is a great favorite for good quality, hand-made leather goods, embroidered table linen, lace and lingerie. Pottery, ceramic tiles

and basket-ware are also low priced.

France, long established as the fashion capital of the world, offers a wide range of quality products in silk, lace and leather. Exquisite designs and fine finish, the hallmark of French products, seem to justify the sometimes high prices. French perfumes are second to none and a pleasure to receive as a gift. Exclusive high fashion beachwear can be found in the south of France for those willing to pay the price.

Greece offers an incredible choice of hand-woven materials, both ready to wear or by the yard at very reasonable prices. Pottery and ceramic tiles in rich colors and designs, copper and bronze, leather shoes and bags are also available in abundance and at bargain prices. One can still pick up rare antique pieces in the Athens flea market.

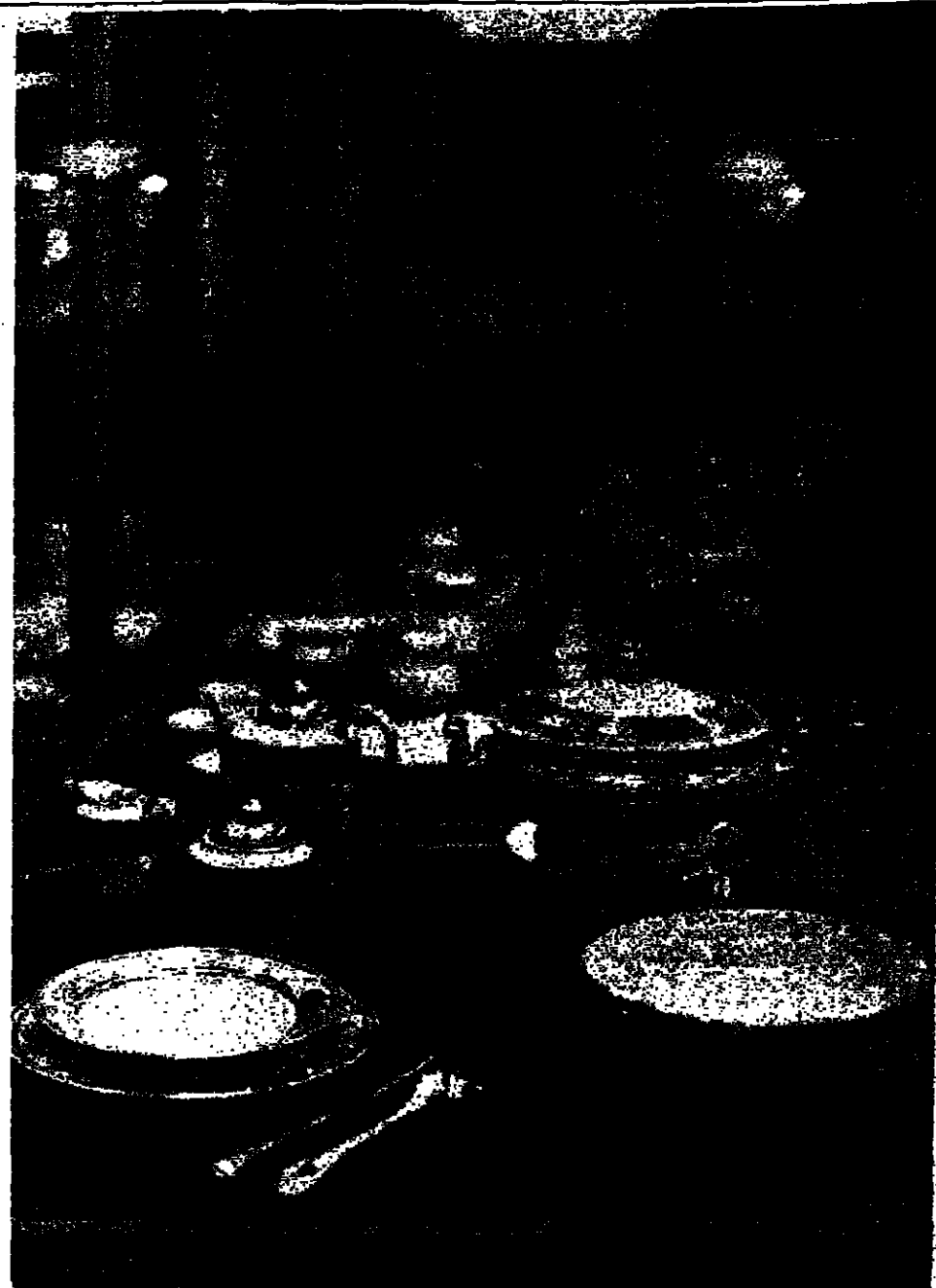
The covered bazaar in Istanbul has been a favorite haunt for shoppers hunting all kinds of items from gold, silver and gems to leather and suede. The bazaar stocks an assortment of brass, copper, alabaster, antiques and old Islamic art to choose from. Although prices have of late gone up, it is still possible to find a good — bargain and the weak Turkish lira helps tourists and shoppers.

While one cannot dream about haggling for prices in the West, the "fixed price" can be brought down considerably, with persistence, in the souks and bazaars of the East. The mysterious narrow streets of the souks in Damascus, Baghdad, Rabat, Tangiers and Tunis hold a wealth of delights not found elsewhere. Hammered brass and copper, leather pouffes, slippers, bags and jackets, hand embroidered kaftans, hand made jewelry, richly decorated daggers and pistols, carved wood boxes, rugs and carpets and Islamic objets d'art are some of the items available at incredibly low prices.

In these places the shopper can get lost — literally — in the maze of souk streets. Embroidered table linen and brocade material in Damascus is very low priced and very famous. Egyptian cotton, leather goods, and jewelry have been known for centuries for their beauty. Old and antique items though becoming rare, are still to be found.

The sub-continent of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh prides itself in an array of handicrafts ranging from silk and embroidered goods to onyx, wood, copper, leather, reptile and jewelry. The prices may be higher in big cities and rich looking shops but the quality is better here than in other parts of the world.

Pakistani onyx, Indian brass and Bangladeshi muslim cloth deserve special mention. All three countries offer beautifully hand embroidered silk and cotton material and ready to wear items. Pakistani handknotted carpets have been highly acclaimed and are cheaper to those made elsewhere. Hand made jewelry is exquisitely crafted in the sub-continent. Emeralds mined in Pakistan are lighter in color, but set in old style jewelry



DANISH PORCELAIN: The elegant beauty of this table setting is one of the reasons shoppers enjoy Denmark, famous for its porcelain and the excellent craftsmanship of its tableware.

they are a real bargain.

Going further East, shoppers can have a gay time hunting mother of pearl, embroidered dresses, silks, rattan, woodwork, jade, linen and jewelry in the Far Eastern cities.

Hong Kong has been rightly called the bargain basement of the Orient. Just about everything is available to the shopper in this duty free heaven. The back streets and narrow alley stores display a variety of products from custom made clothes to shoes, cameras and electronics to Oriental antiques. Though prices are low and haggling possible, the buyer should have a discerning eye and watch


out for fakes. Hong Kong tailors also boast of stitching a man's suit in three hours!

In Bangkok too, custom made clothes can be ordered overnight. Other items in abundance are sapphire and diamond jewelry, gorgeous wood carvings for very reasonable cost. The Philippines is well known for its mother of pearl, linen and light wear.

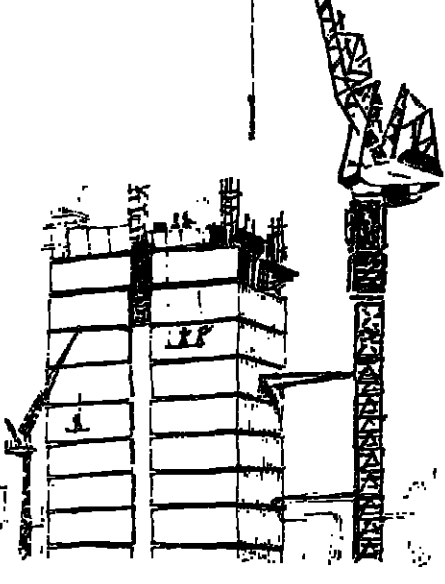
These are some of the places that enjoy the reputation of shoppers' paradise. There are temptations galore, but money can be wisely spent and stretched to enjoy your holiday shopping if you have the time, temperament and inclination.



PAKISTAN: Besides copper and brass-ware, Pakistan is well known for its bargains in highly decorated carpets. This carpet carries an intricate hunting scene.




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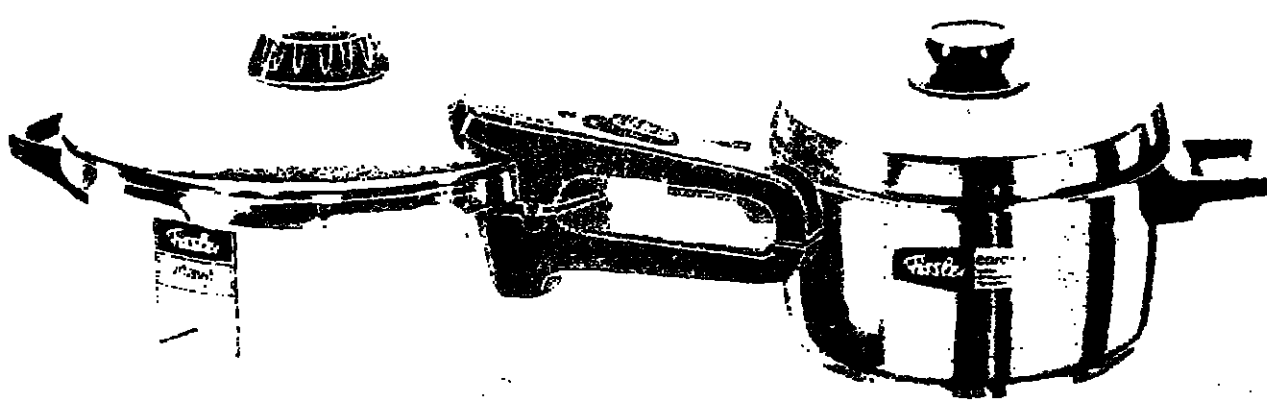
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## Libyan oil flowing to U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP) — For nearly two decades, despite strained relations and anti-American outbursts from Libyan ruler Col. Muammar Qaddafi, a steady stream of crude oil has linked the United States and Libya.

Even while controversy rages over the relationship between President Jimmy Carter's brother Billy and the Libyan government, Americans are sending Libya \$23 million every day in exchange for about 4 per cent of this country's oil supply.

Libya began exporting oil to the United States in late 1961. Its oil sales to the United States and other countries since have enabled Libya to build up a cash and gold reserve estimated at nearly \$10 billion to help finance development at home and military ventures abroad.

The United States obtains 630,000 to 640,000 barrels of oil a day from Libya — more than one-third of the 1.7 million 42-gallon barrels Libya produces daily, the Energy Department says.

At about \$37 a barrel, Libyan crude is among the highest-priced in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Such familiar companies as Exxon Corp., Mobil Corp. and Occidental Petroleum Corp. and several lesser-known ones — long have operated in the north African country, whose high-quality petroleum is ideally suited for refining into gasoline and heating oil.

With production of 630,000 barrels a day, the largest petroleum company operating in Libya is Oasis Oil, in which the Libyan state oil company has a controlling interest, and the U.S. companies Amerada Hess Corp.

Marathon Oil Co. and Conoco Inc. have lesser interests.

The independent refiner Charter Co. of Florida held talks with Billy Carter last summer in hopes of increasing its supplies of oil from the country by as much as 100,000 barrels a day.

According to Charter, the President's brother, who recently registered as a Libyan agent, would have received a finder's fee of 5 cents a barrel or a maximum of 5 per cent of the value of oil he obtained. But "contact with Billy Carter simply faded away" after the talks failed to produce additional shipments, Charter says.

Today Charter, based in Jacksonville, Florida, receives 60,000 barrels of Libyan oil daily, down from about 120,000 a day last year, the result of a general cutback in shipments to Western oil companies.

Oil comprises virtually all Libya's exports to the United States, which the International Monetary Fund says were valued at \$7.02 billion in 1979 and the quarter of 1980.

U.S. exports to Libya were valued by the IMF at \$617 million in the period. Food, chemicals, building supplies and transportation equipment have made up much of the American exports to Libya in recent years.

The State Department has refused to let Libya take delivery of eight U.S.-built C-130 military transport planes it purchased for \$36 million in 1973 for fear that they would be used to aid terrorists. Much of the U.S. dissatisfaction with Libya stems from the sacking and burning by a Libyan mob of the U.S. embassy in Tripoli last December.

The government also has been unhappy with President Qaddafi's anti-Israel stance.

his charges of U.S. "imperialism," and his sizable Soviet arms cache — estimated in some reports as worth \$12 billion.

Since Qaddafi seized power from King Idris in a 1969 coup, Libya has used oil money to build housing, schools and factories. It also has been "spending heavily on developing agriculture, which has somewhat amazed the outside world because it's a desert nation," says Jack Morris, spokesman for Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. in New York.

But the oil exports also have financed such foreign ventures as the arming of insurgents in Morocco, Ethiopia and the Philippines and an unsuccessful military mission to rescue the regime of Ugandan leader Idi Amin.

The IMF says Libya's foreign-currency reserves were \$7.8 billion as of the end of March. The amount is up from \$2 billion in 1973, when the Arab oil embargo touched off a quadrupling of petroleum prices.

Of the current \$7.8 billion reserve, "more than half is in U.S. dollars," estimates Kurt Von Dem Gagen, senior international economist at the Bank of Canada in Montreal. According to Von Dem Gagen, Libya also owns 2.7 million ounces of gold — worth about \$1.7 billion at current prices.

### Japan in power deal

TOKYO, Aug. 3 (AP) — Japan expects to provide financial and technical aid to Tunisia for construction of a pumping-up power station, the first in an African country, the newspaper *Yomiuri* reported Sunday.

Quoting unidentified sources close to the Tunisian project, the newspaper said Japan's assistance would be funneled through semi-government organizations, including the International Economic Cooperation Agency and the Electrical Power Development Co.

Tunisia's state-run power and gas corp. plans to build a 350,000-kilowatt pumping-up hydroelectric station on Medjerda river, the nation's longest, about 100 kilometers west of the capital city of Tunis, the *Yomiuri* said. It did not say how much of the \$264-million project would be funded by Japan.

Tunisia currently produces about 380,000 kilowatts of electricity and demand is increasing about 18 per cent a year, the daily said.

## Diamonds: An investor's best friend

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3 (LAT) — A man in San Francisco trades diamonds for horses. An organization in Las Vegas exchanges diamonds for antique cars. And some people in southern California are offering diamonds for real estate.

"I have four diamond sales in escrow right now," said Sandra Lane of Allstate Realty in Carlsbad, on the Pacific coast 25 miles north of San Diego.

"Many realtors are accepting commissions in diamonds," Harvey B. Levitt, president of the international Gemological Society in Newport Beach, south of Los Angeles, added.

Bartering in diamonds is big business, according to Levitt, "and it is going to become very big business." He gives several reasons:

— Diamonds can be used as a hard asset that can be traded for other valuables.

— Diamonds are a portable form of wealth. ("You can own real estate in other countries but if there is a political upheaval, you could lose it," he said. "With diamonds, you can carry out \$1 million worth in one hand.")

— Diamonds can be liquidated nearly anywhere in the world. Levitt calls them "the real international currency."

This is the thinking that has gone behind some real estate deals. For instance, there is one involving a \$350,000 house. "The seller wanted diamonds because diamonds appreciate," Lane said. (Levitt estimated that they increase in value about 35 per cent a year but went up 75 per cent to 125 per cent last year.)

"Generally," Levitt said, "multiple diamonds are traded for one piece of real estate. That's better for liquidity. How many people are interested in a \$100,000 diamond? It's a narrower market."

He might determine that a diamond is worth \$1,000 but, during negotiations, it could be discounted. If so, the person who gets the diamond gets a deal but later may pay capital gains tax on the difference between the wholesale, rather than the retail, value of the diamond and its eventual sales price, according to Laura Meyers of the Internal Revenue Service. That would be determined on a case-by-case basis, she said.

Trading real estate for diamonds is not for everyone, Lane emphasized. People who do it are, she said, "extremely sophisticated, in a good income bracket and in a financial position to hold the diamonds for as long as five years." She describes as "an asset to be put away and forgotten about."

"If you have a broad base with trust deeds, cash and real estate," Lane said, "and you decide you don't want to work anymore, you are in a prime position to accept diamonds. Then you can put them away and take out a few each year. You don't have to collect rents or fix up the property when somebody moves. You let the diamonds sit."

## India may join ranks of food exporters, says World Bank

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (WP) — India, for long years the world's biggest national concentration of poverty, appears to be moving into a period of food self-sufficiency, and could even become an exporter of wheat and rice, according to a new World Bank report.

The bank — a principal source of aid to India — labeled the outlook "substantially more optimistic than many past projections," but warned at the same time that it did not mean that poverty or malnutrition had been ended in India, or even that those problems would be overcome by the year 2,000. The report is a confidential one for internal bank use. A copy was made available to the *Washington Post*.

The major new challenge for India, according to bank experts, is for that nation of teeming millions to achieve a more equitable distribution of food, now that the total supply-demand picture is being brought into balance.

Exuberant Indians observe that for all practical purposes, India has required no food imports in the past few years, and that the general impression of millions of starving Indians is fallacious.

India last year received \$4.8 billion in subsidized loans from the World Bank's soft-loan affiliate. That amounted to 40 per cent

of all such money dispensed by the World Bank.

In explaining what contributes to the new and more optimistic outlook — pointing for the first time to a rising per capita food consumption — the bank cited stepped-up use of fertilizers and more land under irrigation, rather than any dramatic change in agricultural technology, or any significant change in the total area under cultivation.

The bank also cites the importance of Indian budget expenditures of \$600 million for price subsidies that have maintained "stable, incentive prices for producers and have moderated price rises to consumers even in the years of drought."

Another \$600 million has been committed by the Indian government for importing fertilizers and to hold down the price of domestically produced fertilizers. The bank suggested that these subsidies might have to increase under political pressure to provide a good return for farmers and low prices for consumers.

In addition to these factors, experts credit India with "getting its act together on agriculture." For example, monsoon rains are the lifeblood of India's agriculture, supplying vital water for parched land.

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## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Illumination of streets under the jurisdiction of Abi Arish municipality	6/400	200	Aug. 23
" "	Temporary asphaltting of streets in Beqaa villages	7/400	300	Aug. 24
Ministry of P.T.T.	Replacement of cooling units (chillers) with new ones in some old telephone buildings	8/400	1500	Aug. 25
" "	Construction of ideal work centers (automobile workshops) in Al-Kharj, Yanbu, Hail, Hofuf, Al-Jauf, Arar, Qatif, Baha and Tabuk	4/400/401 5/400/401	1000 3000	Aug. 18 Aug. 20



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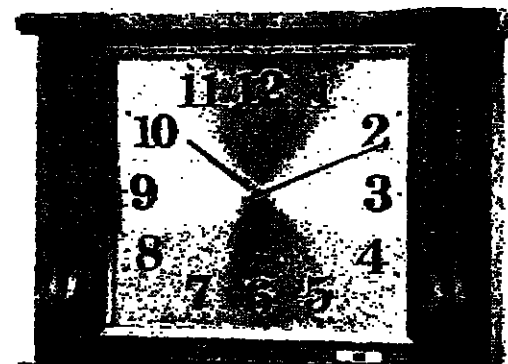
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## البورصات الدولية

AMSTERDAM	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	Amsterdam
Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing
July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31
Price	Price	Price	Price
ABN Bank	311.50	312.00	311.50
ABN N.V.	75.40	75.50	75.40
ABN N.V.	22.70	22.80	22.70
ABN N.V.	15.20	15.30	15.20
ABN N.V.	109.50	110.00	109.50
ABN N.V.	88.50	89.00	88.50
ABN N.V.	145.50	146.00	145.50
ABN N.V.	80.00	80.50	80.00
ABN N.V.	92.00	92.50	92.00
ABN N.V.	188.00	189.00	188.00
ABN N.V.	77.00	77.50	77.00
ABN N.V.	24.50	24.60	24.50
ABN N.V.	85.00	85.50	85.00
ABN N.V.	236.00	236.50	236.00
ABN N.V.	137.50	138.00	137.50
ABN N.V.	37.00	37.50	37.00
ABN N.V.	11.00	11.50	11.00
ABN N.V.	32.50	33.00	32.50
ABN N.V.	15.40	15.90	15.40
ABN N.V.	63.10	63.60	63.10
ABN N.V.	54.00	54.50	54.00
ABN N.V.	17.00	17.50	17.00
ABN N.V.	71.50	72.00	71.50
ABN N.V.	25.70	26.20	25.70
ABN N.V.	14.00	14.50	14.00
ABN N.V.	33.80	34.30	33.80
ABN N.V.	75.00	75.50	75.00
ABN N.V.	15.40	15.90	15.40
ABN N.V.	117.50	118.00	117.50
ABN N.V.	87.50	88.00	87.50
ABN N.V.	128.00	128.50	128.00
ABN N.V.	3.50	3.60	3.50
ABN N.V.	162.50	163.00	162.50
ABN N.V.	44.00	44.50	44.00
ABN N.V.	19.50	20.00	19.50
ABN N.V.	131.50	132.00	131.50
ABN N.V.	38.50	39.00	38.50
ABN N.V.	11.00	11.50	11.00
ABN N.V.	116.50	117.00	116.50
ABN N.V.	162.50	163.00	162.50
ABN N.V.	121.50	122.00	121.50
ABN N.V.	38.50	39.00	38.50
ABN N.V.	63.50	64.00	63.50

BRUSSELS	Brussels	Brussels	Brussels
Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing
July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31
Price	Price	Price	Price
ABN Bank	1670	1680	1670
ABN N.V.	237	240	237
ABN N.V.	1920	1930	1920
ABN N.V.	2275	2285	2275
ABN N.V.	1250	1260	1250

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Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing
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## BOND INFORMATION

The following is the Calendar of Eurobond and Foreign Bond offerings with tentative terms, syndicate manager and offering date, where available. Coupons and yields are on an annual basis unless otherwise indicated.

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## FOREIGN ISSUES

Finland, 80 million Swiss francs, due 1990, 5.62% at 99.75 to yield 5.66%, Credit Suisse, 4-7 August.

## U.S. GOVT. NOTES & BONDS

July 31	Notes	Fraction and change in 32nds	Asked	Change
9/16 June 1992	98.0	98.8	DN 24	
9/16 August 1992	98.8	98.8	DN 24	
10/15 December 1993	101.12	101.20	DN 28	
9/16 June 1994	101.12	101.20	DN 28	
10/15 May 1995	101.12	101.20	DN 28	
14/16 May 1995	114.24	114.24	DN 1.2	
9/16 August 1995	98.0	98.0	DN 1.8	
10/15 November 1995	100.6	100.6	DN 1.8	
10/15 November 1994	94.10	94.26	DN 1.6	
10/15 February 1995	97.0	97.10	DN 1.12	
10/15 May 1995	96.2	96.10	DN 1.16	
10/15 November 2000-09	101.12	101.20	DN 28	
11/16 February 2010	107.2	107.10	DN 1.4	
10/15 May 1995	94.8	94.8	DN 1.4	

## KUWAITI DINAR BOND MARKET

Kuwait - (AP-DJ) - Although it's normally quiet at this time of year, Kuwaiti dinar bond prices rose gradually over the week, the Arab Capital for Trading Securities (ACTS) reports. Holders of Kuwaiti dinar denominated paper have been reluctant sellers. Foreign interest, reported in our comment last week, has generally been bullish to our market. Short-dated paper and bonds with an active sinking fund arrangement have been especially in demand. The outlook for the market is bright considering the lack of supply of any new paper. As previously discussed in this comment, the momentum on new issues has caused a basic imbalance in the supply-demand situation. This is exactly the opposite to the U.S. dollar bond market, where prices have declined substantially due to an over-supply of new issues.

ACTS Kuwaiti dinar bond index Thursday was 98.481 unchanged from a week earlier.

## Recent Kuwaiti Dinar Bond Issues

Issue	Coupon	Maturity	Price
ASEA (Sweden)	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14
Bank of Paris	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14
C.C.E. (France)	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14
C.I.J. (Morocco)	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14
C.I.J. (Morocco)	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14
Indonesia (P.O. of)	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14
T.V.O. Power Co. (Finland)	8	10/15/98	97.12-97.14

## Kuwaiti Dinar Negotiable Bank Certificates of Deposit

3 months 8% Bid • 6 months 9% Bid • 12 months 9% Bid

## EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES

July 31	U.S.	Swiss	W. German	Dutch	Swiss	French
Call	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2
1 month	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2
3 months	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2
6 months	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2
1 year	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2

London late eurodollar overnight 2 1/2 bid; 7 days fixed 9 1/8-9 7/16; 1 month 9 1/8-9 1/4; 3 months 9 1/8-9 1/4; 6 months 9 1/8-9 1/4; 1 year 10 1/8-10 1/4

London dollar certificates of deposit: 1 month 8 1/8-9 1/16; 3 months 9 1/8-9 1/4; 6 months 9 1/8-9 1/4; 1 year 10 1/8-10 1/4

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT BONDS

London Closing Government Bonds (Quoted in pounds)

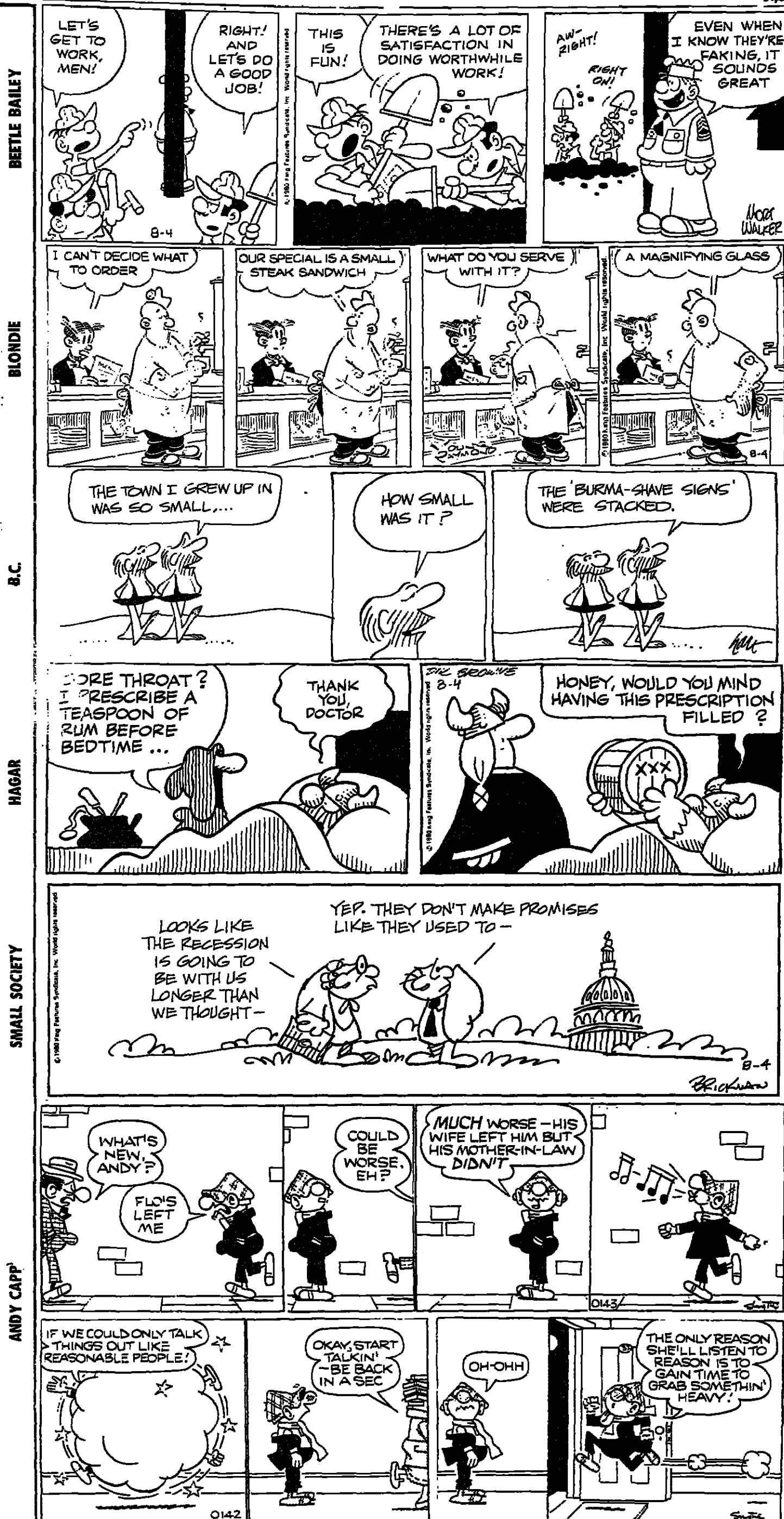
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3 months	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2
6 months	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2	9 1/4-9 1/2
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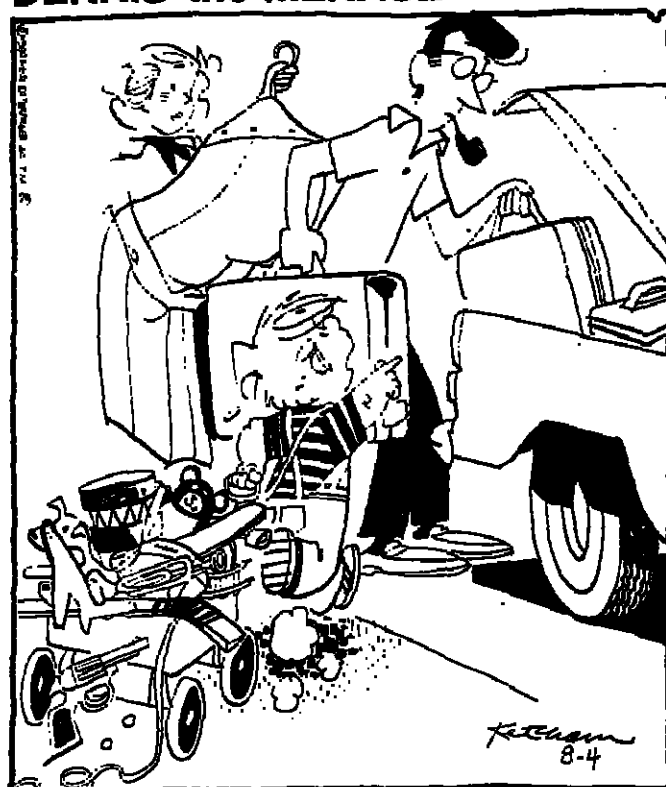
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Royal Insurance	385	390	Gen. Dynamics	73%
Ryd Tinto Zinc Corp	485	486	Gen. Electric	75%
S&P Corp	78 1/2	79	General	60%
Rutenberg	286	289	General Instruments	67%
S&P Corp	247	253	General Mills	76%
Sandberg	535	538	Generators	62%
Sara Derry	67	67	Gen. Pub. Util.	6%
Shell	406	408	Gen. Tel. & Elec.	10%
Shaw-Woodrow	139	139	General Tire	7%
Tate & Lyle	136	138	Geneaco Inc.	82%
Tasco	57 1/2	57	Georgie	21%
Tell	116	116	Gettys	25%
Traveler House	74	74	Gettys Oil	83%
Thorn Elect.	342	343	Gillette	2%
Toshiba	118	118	Goodrich	21%
Tube Investments	232	232	Goodyear Tire	15%
Unilever	495	498	Gould Inc.	28%
Ultramar	39	39	Grace Bros.	43%
United Biscuits	67	66	Gold At. Pac. Tel.	1%
Victoria	131	131	Grayhound	16%
Wholesale Marten	45	45	Grumman	25%
			Guat. & Western	17%





DENNIS the MENACE



Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker Famous Hand

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7  
♥ Q J 6 3  
♦ A 10 7 5  
♣ Q 10 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 4  
♥ 9 5 4  
♦ Q 4 2  
♣ 9 8 7 6

**EAST**  
♠ K Q 6 5 3 2  
♥ 10 7 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ J 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 8  
♥ A K 8  
♦ J 9 8 3  
♣ A K 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass 3♦ 3 NT  
Pass 4♦ Pass 5♦  
Pass 5 NT Pass 6♦

Opening lead — ten of spades.

It is estimated that the best players in the world reach the best contract only 90 percent of the time. Probably most bridge enthusiasts think that the top players do better than that, but actually that is about the highest rate of efficiency a pair can reasonably be expected to attain.

When you stop to consider that you and your partner together can be dealt any one of 5,157,850,293,780,050,462,400 different sets of two 13-card

hands to bid, you realize that even the most highly-practiced partnerships will get to the wrong contract in at least a few billion of them.

This deal occurred in a match between Switzerland and Lebanon. The Swiss North-South pair (Besse and Durouvenoz) reached a sound contract of six diamonds despite East's preemptive three spade bid. The three notrump bid by Durouvenoz had its natural meaning and expressed a willingness to play the hand at that contract if North was also so inclined.

Besse now had a difficult decision to make — whether or not to pass — and finally elected to try for a slam in one of his suits. Accordingly, he cuebid East's suit, spades, to compel his partner to select the trump suit.

Durouvenoz was delighted by this development, but he was of course reluctant to jump to six diamonds with a jack-high suit. He therefore responded to Besse's cuebid with a cuebid of his own in order to force North to choose the suit.

But Besse, still in doubt about which suit would serve best as trumps, again asked his partner to make the choice by bidding five notrump. Durouvenoz thereupon bid six diamonds, which he easily made by taking two trump finesses.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake  
FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
Self-discipline and hard work lead to financial gain and a sense of accomplishment. Watch p.m. conflicts with loved ones.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
Communications favored. Familiar hobbies bring pleasure. Later, you need to be protective of your physical well-being.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
Find a private nook at home where you can get work done. Behind-the-scenes actions are favored, but this doesn't apply to love.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋  
A time to give and receive invitations. Be sure to include old friends. Watch out for homefront tension in the p.m. Sidestep conflict.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌  
Watch out for too many irons in the fire. Career progress comes through concerted effort. You may be touchy in the p.m.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
Get in touch with distant friends. Dealings with advisers favored, but avoid arguments over fees. Accent sociability.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
Talks with higher-ups can pay off. State your views. Luck through a friend. Downplay ego for p.m. success. Don't argue.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Be supportive of close ties. Talks are favored. Business luck through friends. Attend to social obligations. Be loyal.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
Common sense coupled with self discipline leads to career success. Consult with advisers. Watch p.m. friction with friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
Fun with teen-agers. Concentrated effort on creative projects pays off. Get the job done before you worry about remuneration or praise.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
Do-it-yourself projects favored. Attend to family obligations. A young person could be temperamental. Watch p.m. friction regarding joint assets.

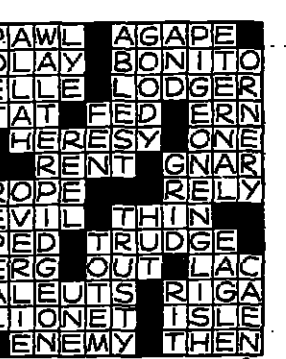
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
A good time to improve ties with close ones. Short visits lead to fun. The p.m. doesn't favor business agreements. Protect assets.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**  
1 TV favorite  
5 Beer  
10 Play the drugstore cowboy  
11 Bring up to date  
12 Comet part  
13 Circumstances  
14 Kettledrums  
16 Tibetan sheep  
17 "Cuckoo's—Nest"  
18 Well-bred  
20 Kind of tie  
21 Kitty sweetener  
22 Tommy's gun  
24 Mammoth  
25 Laughing sound  
26 Conjunctive  
27 "The Sage of Concord"  
29 Precept  
32 GI's rifle  
33 What there'll be in the old town tonight  
35 Blackboard item  
37 Microwave appliance  
38 Wealth  
39 Wrest away  
40 Bamboozled  
41 Whirl DOWN  
1 Maxim

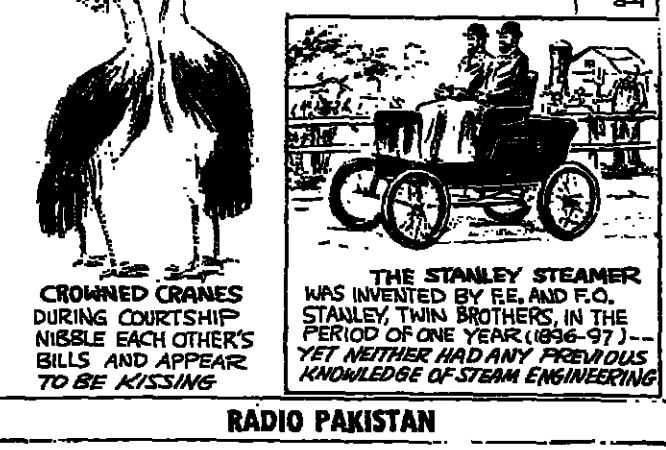
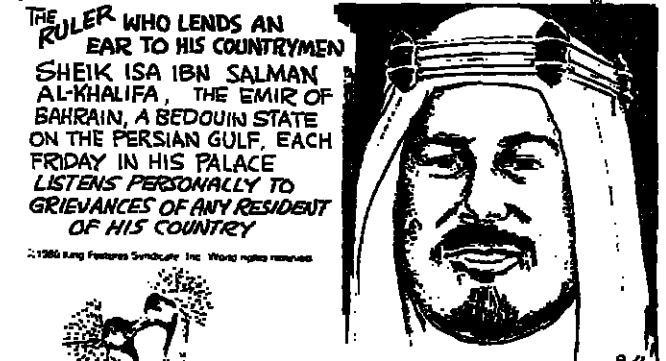
**DOWN**  
2 Another time  
3 Primeval substance  
4 Lend a hand  
5 Author, Ira—cowboy  
6 Blvd.  
7 Chinese perennial  
8 Beauty-lover  
9 Used-car transaction  
11 Check out again, as a library book  
15 Greek contest  
19 Pulled tight  
20 Chicago pro  
22 Ancient kingdom of Israel  
23 Torture device  
24 Millionaire, H.L.—  
25 F. Edward—(Louisiana legislator)  
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Saturday's Answer

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Believe It or Not!



**RADIO PAKISTAN**  
MONDAY  
Morning  
Frequencies: 1760, 1785, 21700 (KHZ)  
Wavelengths: 16.98, 16.81, 13.82 (meters)

Evening  
Frequencies: 17910, 21485, 21795 (KHZ)  
Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.96, 13.79 (meters)

7:45 Religious Program  
8:00 News  
8:10 Light Music  
8:30 Literary Magazine  
8:45 Customs Rules  
8:45 Customs Rules  
9:00 News  
9:03 Pakistan's Progress Push

4:30 Religious Program  
4:40 Old Masters (Music)  
5:15 Historical Notes  
5:45 One Post  
6:00 News  
6:15 Press Review  
6:20 On This Day  
6:25 New Songs

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR  
IS LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letter apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

XPH VCHWX GHUCHX LI GFU-  
UHGGIFK JWCCQVWH QG XL  
XCHWX WKK TQGWGXHCG WG  
QMUQTHMXG WMT MLMH LI  
XPH QMUQTHMXG WG TQG-  
WGXXHCG. — PWCLKT MQLKGLM  
Saturday's Cryptquote: THE SECRET OF MANY A MAN'S SUCCESS IS APPLICATION—FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE.—BURTON HILLIS

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DHAHRAN TV

SAUDI RADIO

On FM at 96 Megahertz in 3.2 meter band  
On SW at 11.855 MHz in 25 meter band  
On MW at 1485 Kiloherz in 302 meter band

4:30 Children's Show  
5:22 Safety Film  
5:45 Survival  
6:00 Horizon  
7:00 Family  
7:27 Second Run Feature

Sesame Street No. 1214  
Mystery de Safety  
Lure of the Falcon  
Sweet Software  
Competition  
Charley Cobb

VOA

**P.M.**  
8:00 News Roundup  
Reports: Actualities  
Opinion: Analyses  
8:30 Delinea  
News Summary  
9:00 Special English:  
News, Feature, The  
Making of a Nation  
News Summary  
9:30 Music USA:  
(Standards)  
10:00 News Roundup  
Reports: Actualities  
10:05 Opening: Analyses

News Summary  
10:30 VOC Magazine  
America: Letter  
Cultural: Letter  
11:00 Special English: News  
11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

**VOA WORLD REPORT**  
Midnight  
12:00 News newscasters  
voices correspondent  
reports background  
features music  
comments news analysis.

**MONDAY**  
Afternoon Transmission  
2:00 Opening  
2:05 Holy Quran  
2:15 Gerns of Guidance  
2:15 Jeddah Highlights  
2:20 On Islam  
2:30 News in Germany  
3:00 NEWS  
3:10 Press Review  
3:15 Music  
3:20 Arabic Song  
3:30 A Selection of Music  
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission  
9:00 Opening  
9:05 Holy Quran  
9:05 Gerns of Guidance  
9:10 Light Music  
9:15 Jeddah Highlights  
9:45 Frontiers of Knowledge  
10:00 A View-point  
10:10 Music  
10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Dream Land  
11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook  
11:15 In Concert  
11:25 On Islam  
12:30 Music  
12:45 A Rendevouz with Dreams  
01:00 Closedown

BBC

**Morning Transmission**  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
8:30 Sarah Ward  
8:45 World Today  
9:00 Newscast  
9:30 Opera Star  
10:00 World News  
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
10:30 News Summary  
10:30 Sarah Ward  
10:45 Something to Show You  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Reflections  
11:15 Piano Style  
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978  
12:00 World News  
12:09 British Press Review  
12:15 World Today  
12:30 Financial News  
12:40 Look Ahead  
12:45 The Tony Myatt

**Evening Transmission**  
1:15 Ulster in Focus  
1:30 Discovery  
2:00 World News  
2:09 News about Britain  
2:15 Alphabet of Musical  
2:30 Sports International  
2:40 Radio Newscast  
3:15 Promenade Concert  
3:45 Sports Round-up  
4:00 World News  
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours  
5:15 Report on Religion  
6:00 Radio Newscast  
6:15 Outlook  
7:00 World News  
7:09 Commentary  
7:15 Sherlock Holmes  
7:45 World Today  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Books and Writers

**8:30 Take One**  
8:45 Sports Round-up  
9:00 World News  
9:09 News about Britain  
9:15 Radio Newscast  
9:30 Farming World  
10:00 Outlook  
10:30 Stock Market Report  
10:43 Look Ahead  
10:45 Ulster in Focus  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
12:15 Talkabout  
12:45 Nature Notebook  
1:00 World News  
1:09 World Today  
1:25 Financial News  
1:35 Book Choice  
1:40 Reflections  
1:45 Sports Round-up  
2:00 World News  
2:09 Commentary  
2:15 The Face of England

PHARMACIES

(Open Monday Night)

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Sagheer Pharmacy  
Maha Pharmacy  
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Shafa Pharmacy  
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## Testifies before House committee

## Muskie says allied rifts have closed

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie has said that America's relations with its European allies underwent "a difficult period" because of the Afghanistan crisis, but he added that the strains now have been replaced by "an atmosphere of mutual concern and support."

In testimony before the House Foreign

Affairs Committee, Muskie said: "Let me be candid. We and our allies did undergo a difficult period several months ago ... the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was a challenge to our common interests although not to our collective territory. As we searched for ways to make a coherent response, there were differences among us."

He also warned, "it will remain a central problem to prevent the Soviets from dividing our alliance — and to head off the tempting but dangerous illusion that Europe can remain a stable island of detente while the Soviets create dangerous situations elsewhere. Dealing with this problem will require vigorous and subtle diplomacy ..."

But, Muskie asserted, the problems and recriminations that were unleashed by efforts to work out a common strategy for confronting the Soviet threat have been eased greatly by such events as the recent Venice summit and the meeting in Ankara of North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministers.

"The Soviet Union will make a great mistake to think that it can separate us from our allies on fundamental issues," Muskie said. "The results of Venice and Ankara make this point clear... today the allies stand together on issues of interest that lie beyond the alliance area."

Muskie, who was making his first public appearance before the committee since assuming office, stuck to that contention despite repeated questions from committee members, about diminished U.S. prestige in Europe and the failure of major U.S. allies to heed Washington's urging that they vote against a pro Palestinian resolution in the United Nations Security Council.

In response, Muskie said that the nine nations of the European Economic Community had abstained on the U.N. vote because they hope to play "a middleman" role in the Mid-east conflict and thought that "an abstention was the best way to demonstrate their evenhandedness."

In regard to the Mid-east, Muskie harshly criticized the U.N. resolution, which calls for unconditional Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, as "mischievous making" and "diversionary tactics" orchestrated by foes of the Camp David peace process. Asserting that "these tactics solve nothing," he said the best hope for a Mid-east solution rests in pursuing the U.S.-mediated talks between Israel and Egypt on Palestinian autonomy.

He also indirectly criticized the Israeli parliament for its action in passing legislation declaring Jerusalem the undivided capital of the Jewish state. He said, "all of the parties must avoid unilateral actions designed to pre-judge the outcome of the negotiations or that would have the effect of worsening the atmosphere for successful negotiations."

## Academic resignations touched off by ex-spy

LONDON, Aug. 3 (AP) — Three fellows, or members, of the British Academy, the nation's top academic institution for the arts, have resigned in protest over its decision last month not to expel admitted spy Anthony Blunt, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported.

Blunt, 73, an eminent art historian and former art advisor to Queen Elizabeth II, was stripped of his knighthood last November after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher revealed he spied for the Soviet Union during World War II.

Colin Roberts of St. John's College, Oxford, who was also the British Academy's foreign relations officer, was quoted as saying he resigned after a July 3 meeting at which the Academy's 460 fellows voted 2-1 against expelling Blunt. "Blunt's treachery was wholly inconsistent with the principles of free inquiry embodied in the Academy," Roberts was quoted as saying.

A former keeper of manuscripts at the British Museum, Theodore Skeat, who also resigned, was quoted as saying he could not remain a member of a body "in which personal integrity was clearly regarded as irrelevant." The third member who reportedly resigned was not identified. The newspaper said the central argument at the British Academy meeting which debated Blunt's case was whether members should judge a colleague on any criteria except scholarship.

Blunt confessed in 1964. He was not publicly exposed then and was given immunity from prosecution in exchange for information on three other British spies, now living in the Soviet Union — Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby.



CELEBRATE: Jubilant Zimbabweans celebrate the end of colonialism by pulling down the statue of Rhodesia's founder, Cecil Rhodes, and battering it with hammers and steel cables. The country became independent in April, ending nine decades of colonial rule.

## Russians love the Olympics, but boycott confuses them

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (AP) — Eleven days into the Olympics, Muscovites are glued to their TV tubes, rooting for new heroes and delighting in their unusually empty city. But they're still sad and befuddled over the absence of the Americans. The games are not quite what many expected.

After six years of preparations and a hectic home-stretch, residents of the Soviet capital had braced themselves for an invasion of foreigners, streets clogged with special convoys and a glut of normally untouchable goodies in the stores.

With vacationers gone to the country, non-residents barred from the city and TV showing sports all day, Moscow's streets have taken on a languid Mediterranean air.

The tourists and athletes have largely stuck to their special buses, hotels, dormitories and guided excursions. The stores have remained the same, except for the absence of out-of-town shoppers who normally strip Moscow stores clean.

"It's really great," said a young woman strolling with her husband and 10-month-old toddler, Marina, through a near-empty Gorky park. "When has it ever been like this?"

Like most other Russians interviewed around Moscow, these two were spending

most of their time in front of the television, flicking among as many as four channels showing non-stop competitions. He liked boxing and soccer, the gymnastics and equestrian events.

Soon the inevitable question: "Why didn't the Americans come? Wasn't there any way they could defy Jimmy Carter?"

If the boycott of the summer games was to have shown the Russians how displeased the Americans are over the intervention in Afghanistan, it hasn't happened that way.

Virtually every Muscovite talked to presumed that somehow President Carter had imposed the boycott on American athletes and visitors, and not one could understand what Afghanistan had to do with games.

"Oh, that's nonsense," said Evgeny, a 20-year-old physical education student, when an American reporter tried to explain that many Americans really were indignant. Then he asked: "Do you think you'll get in trouble when you get back? What'll they do to you?"

Two girls strolling by arm-in-arm were asked whether they've been out foreigner-watching. "What for?" one said. "We get lots of visitors. They're like any other people, they walk, wear clothes."

## Godunov's wife waiting for U.S. visa

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Bolshoi dancer Ludmilla Vlassova, wife of dancer Alexander Godunov who now resides in the United States, has asked for a visa to that country so she can join her husband, a reliable Western source said here Saturday.

Mrs. Vlassova was the center of a diplomatic incident last August. Her husband claimed that she was forced by Soviet agents into leaving the United States against her will. The U.S. government permitted her to leave after

checking into her husband's charges. Mr. Godunov had obtained asylum in the United States during a Bolshoi tour.

The source said that Mrs. Vlassova made the request a month and a half ago and has been promised that her case will be studied in a favorable light, although she has not yet received an official answer. Mrs. Vlassova, who communicates by telephone every day with her husband, would like to leave the Soviet Union but still keep her Soviet nationality so that she go back to visit her family.

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- محطات بترين
- منطقة ورش
- شركة كهرباء
- مراكز شرطة
- مراكز مرور
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International

## Waldheim, Hanoi discuss Cambodia

HANOI, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had three hours of talks with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach here Sunday on regional questions including the tense Cambodian-Thai border.

He commented later that the meeting took place "in a constructive atmosphere."

"The situation is very complex and difficult, but certain progress was made," he said. "We discussed all aspects of the situation, particularly the question of international assistance, and the possibility of suppressing the tension that reigns in the region."

The talks covered statements by the three countries of Indochina — Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos — and the five-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Waldheim said.

The proposal by Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, aimed at the normalization of relations

between Cambodia and Thailand, calls for the creation of a demilitarized zone under international control at the border between Cambodia and Thailand. It also calls for a dialogue between the pro-Vietnamese Phnom Penh government and Bangkok, possibly through a third party.

The counter-proposal by ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) calls for a U.N.-supervised demilitarized zone within Cambodia and the posting of a U.N. observer team within Thailand.

"Our talks gave us the opportunity to clarify certain points of these documents, and we consider them useful," Waldheim said. He would present the Vietnamese view to Thailand when he goes to Bangkok, he added.

Thach refused to make any statement, saying only that he agreed with what Waldheim said and had nothing to add.

ASEAN countries charged at a recent meeting in Manila that Hanoi's proposal was aimed at gaining recognition for the Heng Samrin regime and isolating Thailand from its other Southeast Asian partners. ASEAN countries also insisted that the refugee problem must not be allowed to cloud the main issue — the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia.

Meanwhile Cambodian Khmer Rouge guerrillas Sunday renewed charges that Vietnamese-led forces were using toxic chemicals in their war against guerrillas in western Cambodia. The charge was made by Sok Mat, a doctor running a Khmer Rouge field hospital set up opposite Thailand's Tap Prik village, about 35 kms. south of the key Thai border town of Aranyaprathet.

In an interview in the border area, he told newsmen Vietnamese-led forces in a drive against guerrillas in the adjacent Phnom Malai foothills were armed with artillery loaded with toxic chemicals, which had also been dropped in water sources in the jungled region.

Sok Mat declined to reveal the number of deaths caused by toxic chemicals, but noted that those affected had suffered total numbness, severe skin inflammation and high fevers before dying.

Sok Mat said the International Red Cross was aware of the use of toxic chemicals.



Kurt Waldheim

## 'Cloud' blankets Red Square blaze

MOSCOW, Aug. 3 (R) — An unexpected blaze erupted in Moscow's Red Square Saturday and an Irish Olympic sports delegate said he saw a person surrounded by flames.

The person, who was wearing a straw hat, was hustled away by police almost immediately, and it was not known what injuries, if any, he had.

John McGouran, a spokesman for the Irish team, said the incident was witnessed by Irish national track coach Patrick Griffin.

According to McGouran, Griffin saw two columns of flame shoot into the air not far

from the tomb of Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin as he walked across Red Square in early afternoon.

As he lifted his camera to take photographs, he was knocked to the ground by police. When he managed to stand up the person in the flames had been taken away. Police took the film from Griffin's camera but when they realized he was a member of the Irish sports delegation they apologized and handed it back.

Irish sources said Soviet authorities offered medical attention to Griffin who injured his thigh but he declined.



Sen. Byrd

## Poles unsure of collectives for farming

WARSAW, Aug. 3 (AFP) — Polish authorities have decided to favor private family farming to try and recover from the country's catastrophic agricultural situation, informed Polish sources here said.

Poland has been a net food importer since 1973, buying abroad eight million tons of grain a year at the cost of its entire earnings as one of the world's leading coal exporters. Serious flooding in July, which has affected some 10 per cent of farm land, has added to the problem.

The worst threat is to the sugar beet crop, and already there is talk that Poland will have to acquire sugar in other forms from other members of the East European socialist Comecon trading bloc in the autumn. In an unprecedented development, farm questions have become the domain of Prime Minister Edward Babiuch and of a close aide of Polish leader Edward Gierk — the Communist Party's central committee secretary Andrzej Zabinski.

Zabinski rose to prominence in the experimental farming region of Opole in southwest Poland when he was first party secretary from 1973 to 1980. He introduced new measures in the marketing of meat, particularly by putting some meat on the open market.

The sources here, close to the central committee, said that the new policy begun by Babiuch and Zabinski is aimed at maximizing dynamism and flexibility in private agriculture. This policy is based purely on economic criteria and deliberately relegates ideological considerations to second place.

Figures published in 1978 indicated that private farming, accounting for some 78 per cent of farm land, produced 92 per cent of fruit and vegetable output, 87 per cent of pork and 84 per cent of beef. State farms, amounting to 17 per cent of farm land, produced a third of all grain bought by the state, a half of oil-bearing crops, 20 per cent of sugar beet, 22 per cent of meat, 18 per cent of milk and 27 per cent of wool. Figures for state cooperatives, accounting for about 5 per cent of land, were not given.

The state sector currently consumes twice as much fertilizer as the private sector, but from now on private producers are to be favored so as to improve output. If necessary, exports of fertilizer will be suspended. Private production will also be helped by improvements in seriously inadequate supplies of coal.

In the shorter term, livestock producers will be paid in proportion to an animal's weight to discourage premature slaughter, and poultry prices are to be raised. Other measures concern agricultural cooperatives which suffer from excessive interference from the central authorities. Their cooperative nature is to be developed and they will have relative autonomy.

The main aim of this new policy, which marks an about-turn from land collectivization, is to ease the agricultural burden on the economy.

## Mao's portraits, words vanishing

PEKING, Aug. 3 (AFP) — All portraits and political slogans of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, with the exception of a painting above the southern entrance to the Forbidden City, were gone Sunday from Tiananmen Square in the heart of Peking.

The removal operation began last week, with the abrupt disappearance of two gigantic portraits of the "great helmsman" from the exterior of the People's Palace, seat of the Chinese parliament. Saturday, two political slogans painted in red beside the building's entrance were erased by workers atop tall ladders.

The history museum facing the palace underwent the same scrubbing Saturday night, and Sunday the final slogan — a defense of the people's army — disappeared in turn under the gaze of a crowd of onlookers.

## Senate leader favors open U.S. convention

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (Agencies) — Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (I-W. V.) has come out in favor of the Democratic party convention in New York next week being "open."

He rejected the idea that any delegate to the convention should be bound by the pledges undertaken during the primaries "if changes in the national economy or other conditions dictate in his own conscience that he should vote for conditions dictate in his own conscience that he should vote for someone else."

Sen. Byrd made it clear, however, that whether the convention was open or not the Democratic nomination should go to President Jimmy Carter. "Any president has a better mandate, a deeper vote of confidence if the nomination is based on the conditions at the time," he said.

The senator said he believed the president would be elected for a further term because "Hollywood performances aren't going to be quite enough" — a dig at former cinema actor and Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan.

The Senate leader's statement was good news for the 50 or so members of Congress who three weeks ago promoted the idea of an open convention where delegates would have the option of going back on their mandates and voting for whom they please.

Byrd's words, however, caused some perplexity in the White House, where one presidential aide reportedly suggested that the senator perhaps saw himself as a third alternative to Carter and his rival for the nomination, Sen. Edward Kennedy.

White House spokesman Jody Powell was reticent about the Byrd statement. "Inasmuch as both the president and the majority leader in the Senate, whatever differences of view they might have on political matters, must work together on matters of substance

to the nation, the White House is going to decline comment on this statement today," he said.

Sen. Kennedy, who has all along backed the idea of the convention being open, said that Byrd "understands, as many others understand, that the best way for Democrats to be successful in the fall is to have an open convention."

Byrd also criticized Carter, saying he believes the administration has shown "bad judgment and rather amateurish handling" of Billy Carter's dealings with Libya.

"I don't believe in family diplomacy to start with," Byrd told reporters. "I think it was an act of rather poor judgment to even think of sending the president's brother to any country to carry out foreign policy, particularly Libya."

White House spokesmen have said Billy Carter was asked to ask the Libyans to intercede with Iranian officials in an attempt to free the American hostages. He apparently was successful, but nothing came of the Libyans' effort, they said.

Meanwhile, congressional investigators have obtained U.S. Justice Department files indicating that Billy Carter may have discussed a scheme to obtain machine guns for the Libyan government, according to published reports. The *Chicago Tribune*, in its Sunday edition, said a Justice Department investigation uncovered a possible connection between Billy Carter and Francis Terpil, a former Central Intelligence Agency agent who was indicted earlier this year on charges of allegedly plotting the murder of a former Libyan official who fled to Egypt in 1976.

Asked about links with Terpil and a machine gun deal, Billy Carter told reporters last week in Plains Ga. that he remembered seeing Terpil and speaking with him in Tripoli during a visit in 1978. But Carter denied discussing any kind of deals.

## What happened?

## Dublin train crash a mystery

DUBLIN, Aug. 3 (AP) — Bob Hartman, a social welfare worker from the United States, was on a cycling tour with his wife "when we took the first bump" in Ireland's worst train crash.

"I knew we were off the tracks and my wife, Sharon, who was sitting opposite me, came flying across on top of me," said the tall, bearded Hartman, 32, who escaped with only facial cuts. "A whistle sounded and the train seemed to drop off to the right. Two people died in front of me and two were trapped. The mangled wreckage was so bad it was almost unimaginable."

By Saturday the death toll was 17 and the crash touched the lives of families not only in Ireland but in Britain, the United States, Austria and Australia as the grim job of identifying the bodies continued in the tiny County Cork village of Buttevant. Police disclosed that one of the dead was carrying an American passport but the man has not yet been identified.

What saved the California couple? It could have been lunch.

Hartman said most of the dead appeared to be mainly those passengers who had gone to the dining car. "Sharon and I ate our lunch in our carriage," he said. "You make your own luck."

The 4,000-horsepower express train was roaring up to the Buttevant station. The passengers, mostly Irish families heading for their summer vacations, were in a holiday mood. There was singing and playing of guitars, others sat quietly and read.

## S. Korea purge shifts to media, law, education

SEOUL, Aug. 3 (AP) — South Korea's military rulers have ended their purge of government officials after dismissing 8,667 persons and are now turning their attention to journalists, doctors, lawyers, teachers and others.

Acting prime minister Park Choong-Hoon said in an address Friday that the purge of government officials as part of a "purification" drive has been finished and there would be no more dismissals.

The government has announced a set of educational reforms, which one newspaper called an "education revolution." The reforms banned private tutoring for college entrance "to eradicate overheated out-of-school studies and to put the nation's educational course on the 'right track.'"

The reforms provided that government officials or employees of state-run companies whose children receive private tutoring will be dismissed, while others will face "undisclosed appropriate measures." Teachers will be fired. Private tutoring was considered to be a factor in widening a gap between the rich and the poor, hurting national unity.

The purification campaign has also reached the news media, and an early result was the firing of sixty-seven employees of the state-run Korea Broadcasting corporation. Government sources said about 100 journalists were expected to be dismissed by mid-August.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

In the older days, a prince who had seen a thing or two in his time sat, as he was supposed to, listening to a poet singing his praises. All the usual stuff. Brave as a lion. Wise as Solomon. And, of course, over & over & over, generous as the river, generous as the rain.

The prince sat through it all, twiddling his thumbs, thinking lunch cannot be long now, puzzling over the cross words in the day's *Cordoba Herald*, reciting the multiplication tables, until it was over. The poet had stopped, and was looking at him expectantly.

Thou Nightingale: the prince said. Thou absolute peach of a poet: A hundred thousands dirhams to your good self. Cheap at the price: Finance Wallah: kindly make the appropriate arrangements!

The Nightingale, overjoyed, started to trill once more. Dear boy, dear boy, the prince hastened. Take it as read, Don't trouble yourself. Another hundred thousand, since you seem to like the stuff so much: What's money when it comes to genius such as yours. Poor Greeks — with their slipshod Homer. Utter tosh, if you ask me. In you we Arabs have a poet with equal among the nations. Now if you'll excuse me, matters of state... outer provinces in revolt, public bath-houses have to be reformed... that sort of thing... Don't forget to see the royal Treasurer tomorrow.

When the poet left, the Treasurer could contain himself no longer. Sire, he said. Is this wise? Two hundred thousands for this third rate. He would have been glad with a thousand, the schlemiel!

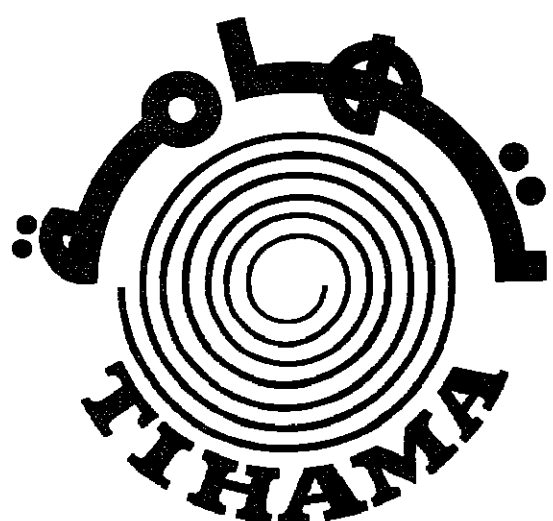
Do you mean to tell me you were going to pay him? The prince asked, surprised. But, highness, the Treasurer said, this was your command. You gave your word.

Precisely, retorted the prince, that's all I gave. And in exchange for what? Precisely his words, words, words. He wanted to please with his empty words. So I gave him back an equally empty but pleasing word.

Comment: I always had mixed feelings about this story. The prince was obviously no fool — yet what crassness, I thought. Now things have changed. And, if not poet journalists are being killed daily in the streets, because of their words, to the killers, and to those behind them, I present the story. Answer us like the thrifty old prince, with words, only words. That's all we have. That's all we can give. And we ask for nothing in return except more of the same — words.

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